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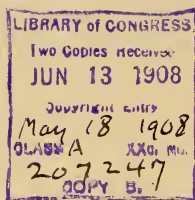


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DEDICATION.

The writer was a stranger in a western city, and was over a thousand miles from home, and lying sick in a big hotel in which many people were coming and going. One morning when convalescent, a stranger, a traveler from the east, came into the room. He was tall, wore long silvery hair, and a snow-white beard. He grasped my hand very sympathetically and stroked my brow as tenderly as a father might. After the usual salutation, said, "My son, are you a Christian? Have you accepted Jesus for your Savior, Friend and Lord?"

In fact I had been running from these two questions for a whole year, believing that some of my own plans would be spoiled, not knowing that God's plans were better and surer. There was no time for running away. He brought me face to face with Eternity. He told me that I was robbing God (see Mal. 3:8) by withholding my love from him, my obedience to his laws, my gratitude, my humble reliance, my time and service. And in robbing God I was only robbing myself.

Minutes seemed like hours just then. Somehow I wished he hadn't come in. The stranger knelt and prayed for the young man. I had learned to say the "Our Father" like a machine, but now he asked me to pray out of my heart. It was hard work, and seemed like a very poor make-out indeed; but it was the beginning of Eternity with God, and a great day in my life. I have found out since that it was a great day in heaven, too. Luke 15:7.

He came and went; his name is still unknown, and may be he has forgotten it. Many years have now passed. If I could meet him now to tell him of the struggles and victories all along the way, and how much better God's ways are than my own. Some day I shall. When I shall have placed my crowns and praises at Jesus' feet and have found my father and mother, I shall set out to find this dear man. Somehow I shall know him. Whatever good may have been done of my 65,000 miles of travel around this earth in Gospel work, under God, is due to him, for he brought me to a definite decision for Christ. Therefore, this volume is dedicated to his memory.

PREFACE.

IN presenting this volume to the Public, the aim is to awaken a deeper heart-felt interest in the principal portions of God's Word, setting forth his warnings, his love, and his promises for the present as well as the future life. That the unbeliever may be brought to Christ, and that the believer may be encouraged, strengthened, and built up in the grace of the Lord Jesus. The pictures used were taken while laboring in missionary work in the Philippines, residing eight months in Japan, and from different parts of our own country. If only some life may be guided into Eternal Life by its use, its purpose shall have been accomplished. Gods' Word standeth sure, and will not return unto Him void. Isa. 55:11. The incidents given are from the pens of Rev. C. H. Spurgeon, D. D., Mr. D. L. Moody and other notable persons. Also credit is due to the Home Herald and North Western Christian Advocate of Chicago. It has been the writer's purpose to be brief, and must necessarily leave many splendid lessons and beautiful thoughts remain buried in the verses of Scriptures given for the reader to think out alone. Read one lesson in the morning and then with your Bible read the lesson in the evening as indicated below that lesson.



Rubies and Diamonds.

FREE TO ALL.

There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacle of the most high. Ps. 46:4.—Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; and without price. Isa, 55:1.—But whosoever drinketh of the water that I (Jesus)



shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. The woman saith unto him (Jesus), Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw. Jno. 4:14, 15.—And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. Rev. 22:17.

Beautiful Urami Falls near Nikko, Japan. The water drops about seventy-five feet. It is hidden away in the mountains, some

distance from the regular road, so that many of the travelers do not see it, though by a sign-board it bids them to come. A pure stream, flowing so freely, and offers itself to the thirsty. There is another stream of which we read—an Eternal One. Have you listened to the invitation to come and partake freely of it? Jesus says, "Him that cometh to Me, I will in no wise cast out." Jno. 6:37. Read James 2—, special verse 19.

CHRIST'S LOVE.

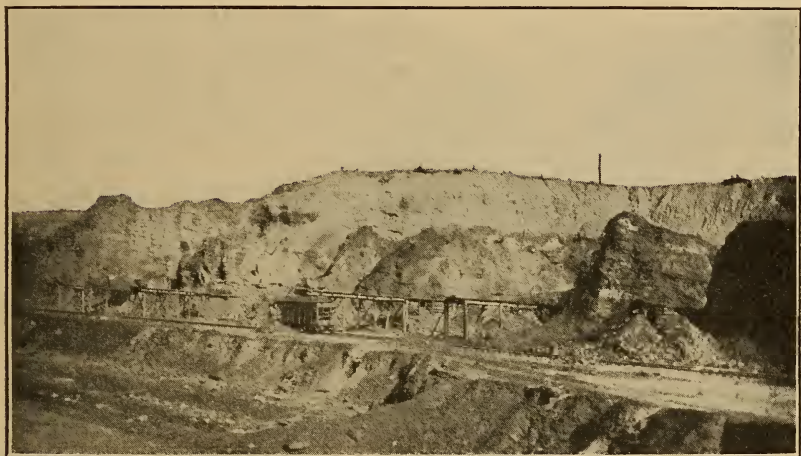
I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. I law down my life for the sheep. Jno. 10: 11, 14, 15.—Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Jno. 15:13.—Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses. Matt. 8: 17.—Jesus—having loved his own which were in the world—loved them to the end. Jno. 13: 1.—As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue in my love. Jno. 15: 9.—Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us. Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus. Rom. 8: 25-29

A good man (a minister) was once lying dangerously ill, and prayers were being offered up at his bedside by members of his congregation that he would be spared to them. In doing so they made mention, among other things, of his tender watchfulness in feeding the lambs of the flock, and used the expression, "Lord, thou knowest how he loves Thee." The sick man heard them, and said, "Ah, children, do not pray thus! When Mary and Martha went to Jesus, their message was not, 'Lord, he who loveth Thee is sick,' but, 'he whom Thou lovest.' It is not my imperfect love to Him that gives me comfort, but His perfect love for me." There is no fear in love: but perfect love casteth out fear. 1 Jno. 4: 18.

Poor Thomas Carlyle, dyspeptic and disgruntled, once looked up at the stars and said, with a growl, "It is a sad sight!" But a little girl looked up at the same sight and said, "Mamma, if the wrong side of heaven is so fine, how very beautiful the right side must be!"

THE SCRIPTURES.

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. 2 Tim. 3:16, 17.—But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God: and that believing ye might have life through his name. Jno. 20:31.—Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. Jno. 5:39.—Jesus answered and said unto them, ye do err not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God. Matt. 22:29.—When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and they believed the scriptures, and the word which Jesus had said. Jno. 2:22.—And they said to one another, Did not our heart burn



within us, while he (Jesus) talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures. Luke 24:32.—Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever. 1 Pet. 1:23.—These were more noble than those of Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so. Acts 17:11.

The view is in one of the iron ore mines at Eveleth, Minn.

You see the large columns of hard rock; but back and between these columns of rock is rich ore. Portions of the earth are blasted out, and tunnels are made to bring the rich deposits out of their dark depths. In the Scriptures there are so many rich treasures hidden away in its depths for us. Do we fail to find them? Let us dig better and deeper to make the discoveries. If you are an

avowed skeptic, or an honest doubter of the Divine Truth, just try it. Let the hard rocks—deep sayings and misunderstood portions—of the Scriptures alone, until you have used the many good things that are offered there to you for your own profit. The rocks are there for a purpose. It would do no special good to try to remove them. In other words you will have no appetite to nibble at the hard bones, though they are good for something, after you have used the splendid meat. The Psalmist says, O, how I love thy law! it is my meditation all the day. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them. Psalm 119:97, 105, 165. —Read Isa. 1:1—20, special verse 18.

CHRIST IS THE CLUE.

Dr. W. G. Moorehead, of Xenia Theological Seminary, was once returning home from one of his journeys, and wanted to take with him a present for his children. He selected a dissected map. When he gave it to his two girls he said:

"Now if you can put this together, you will know more of geography than if you studied a book."

They worked patiently, but at last one of them arose, saying:

"I cannot put it together."

It was an awful jumble. They had part of North America in South America, and other mistakes quite as glaring.

Suddenly the older girl discovered that on the other side of one piece of the map was a man's hand. Curiosity prompted her to turn over another piece, and there was part of his face. Then her fingers working rapidly, she turned over every piece of the map, and called to her sister, saying:

"Come back! There's a man on the other side! Let's put the man together first."

Soon the figure of the man was completed, and when the pieces were turned over, every river and lake, every mountain and plain, was in its proper place in the map.

This is the true secret of Bible study. Find the Man! Recognize his portrait! Study with Jesus as the clue, and everything will fall into its proper place!

WON'T STAY.

A child once asked a minister: "Do you think my father will go to heaven?" "O yes," was the reply. "Well," returned the child, "if he don't have his own way there he won't stay long."

A SURE FOUNDATION.

Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. 2 Tim. 2:19.—For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 1 Cor. 3:11.—If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do? Ps. 11:2.—Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: and the rain descended, and the floods



came, and winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell. Matt. 7:24, 27.

The Cliff House is quite near Golden Gate, San Francisco. It is built upon the solid rock. The rocks in the water are where the Seals live. The storms from the sea may rage, and the high waves roll in their might, still the house is safe, for it is on a solid foundation. What a difference it would make, were it built on the sandy shore. Christ is the Rock that is laid for the safety and security of man for eternity. Our future depends wholly on where, how and what we build. The big buildings in San Francisco were tumbled down by the earthquake because they were built upon the wrong kind of foundation. It was a boggy place filled with wood piling; but this house remained, being built upon the rock. Read Psalm 37—, special verse 37.

THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

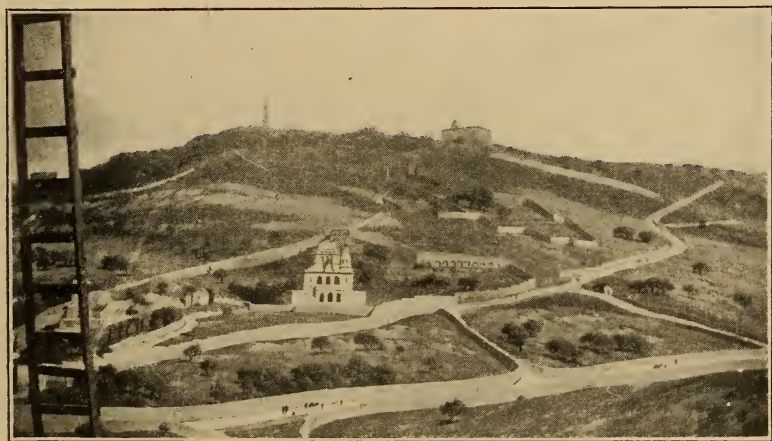
Unto thee lift I up mine eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens. Ps. 123:1.—Hide not thy face from me; put not thy servant away in anger: thou hast been my help: leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation. Ps. 27:9.—I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. Ps. 121:1.—Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help. Ps. 146:3.—And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief. Mark 9:24.—And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid: and beginning to sink, he cried, Lord, save me. Matt. 14:29, 30.



This is a statue of Sacajawea in the Portland Fair. She was the faithful guide of Lewis and Clark in their exploring expedition. Many weary footsteps across mountain and plain she gave in the exploration journey. Fatigued of body, and soul tried, yet her face is turned heavenward. Peter looked downward and at circumstances, and got into trouble. Confide and trust in Him who is able to help. To believe in God is to look up to Him. Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. Heb. 12:2.—You will be looking on the bright side of things by so doing. Look up and then help to lift up. 1 Kings 19—special verse 9.

NOT MY WILL.

And he (Jesus) came out, and went, as he was wont, to the mount of Olives: and his disciples also followed him. And when he was at the place, he said unto them, Pray that ye enter not into temptation. And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed, saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done. And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven strengthening him. And being in agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground. And when he rose up from prayer, and was come to his disciples, he found them sleeping for sorrow, and said unto them, Why sleep ye? rise and pray, lest ye enter into temptation.



Luke 22:39, 46.—And when they had preached the gospel to that city, and had taught many, they returned again to Lystra, and to Iconium, and Antioch, confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God. Acts 14:21, 22.—If we suffer, we shall also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us. 2 Tim. 2:12.—And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ: if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us (the Christian). Rom. 8:17, 18.

The picture represents Mount Olive. Gethsemane is at the lower left hand corner. A short distance up the mount is a Greek Church. Half-way up, in the triangular spot, is said to be the

place where Christ lamented over Jerusalem. The summit, the place of his ascension, marked by Greek and Roman Convents, and a Mohammedan Mosque. Gethsemane is so significant. Leaving his disciples and enjoining them to pray, he went alone to pray, and while he was undergoing such extreme suffering for mankind, they fell asleep. What could have been more noble of Jesus, when he said, "Not my will, but thine, be done?" Suffering for the sinful. For you and me. How little we suffer with him and for him! Read Isaiah 53.

THE LOVE OF GOD.

He that loveth not knoweth not God: for God is love. And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love: and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. 1 Jno. 4: 8, 16.—For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. Jno. 3: 16.—But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace are ye saved): Eph. 2: 4, 5.—Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. 1 Jno. 3:1.

THE WEAPONS FIRST.

Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord. Acts 3: 19.—Then Peter said unto them, Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. Acts 2: 38.

The raiment of salvation is often disapproved. Pardon is conditional. Only on certain grounds can we be forgiven. For example: sin must be given up. That is indispensable. Compromise is out of the question. How can a perfectly holy God accept one who holds fast to his transgressions? A French officer, whose ships had been captured by the English, advanced towards Nelson, and offered him his hand. "First give me your sword," said the Admiral. There can be no true reconciliation with God while we retain the weapons of our rebellion. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, then the Lord will have mercy upon him, and will abundantly pardon. Conscious and deliberate wrong-doing must be abandoned—the weapons put away first.

UNKNOWN.

And it shall come to pass, when your children shall say unto you, What mean ye by this service? Ex. 12:26.—That this may be a sign among you, that when your children ask their fathers in time to come, What mean ye by these stones? Joshua 4:6.—For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, To THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you. Acts. 17:23.—The way of peace they know not; and there is no judgment in their goings; they have made them crooked paths: whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace. Isa. 59:8.—Therefore I said, Surely these are poor, they are foolish; for they know not the way of the



Lord, nor the judgment of their God. Jer. 5:4.—Howbeit every nation made gods of their own, and put them in the houses of high places which the Samaritans had made, every nation in their cities wherein they dwelt. 2 Kings 17:29.—Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship; for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: For the Father seeketh such to worship him. John 4:22, 23.

One has well said, "A good creed is a gate to the city that hath foundations; a misleading creed may be a road to destruction, or if both misleading and alluring it may become what Shakespeare calls a primrose path to the eternal bonfire." The little houses or shrines are really meaningless things. I could not find out just why they were placed in the rear yard of so many homes. It forms a part of

the religious belief among the Japanese. The arch or torii is also a traditional affair without any special significance at the present time, still they are used. Many people in our county still worship meaningless things, even now. Creeds and ceremonies may become to one, just like these, held in a superstitious reverence, and become unprofitable to the spiritual life. Not having Christ to dwell within them, they dwell upon the outward forms. Jesus said that "It is the Spirit that quickeneth." Jno. 6:63. 'St. Paul says: "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent. Acts 17:30. How patient and longsuffering God has been with us these many years! Read Neh. 1—, special verse 4.

THREE DOORWAYS.

On the triple doorway of a great cathedral in Milan, Italy, there are three inscriptions spanning the archway. Over one is carved a beautiful wreath of roses, and underneath are the words: "All that which pleases is but for a moment." Over another is sculptured a cross, upon which we read: "All that which troubles is but for a moment." But underneath the great central entrance of the main aisle is the inscription: "That only is important which is eternal."

THE MERCY OF GOD.

For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive: and plenteous in mercy unto them that call upon thee. But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth. Psalm 86:5, 15.—Know therefore that the Lord thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations. Duet. 7:9.—And said, O Lord God of Israel, there is no God like thee in the heaven, nor in the earth: which keepest covenant, and shewest mercy unto thy servants, that walk before thee with all their hearts. 2 Chron. 6:14.—Many sorrows shall come to the wicked: but he that trusteth in the Lord, mercy shall compass him about. Ps. 32:10.—Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty: visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation. Ex. 34:7.—Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him: and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. Isai. 55:7.

THE ONLY ENTRANCE.

Strive to enter in at the strait gate; for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are: then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets. But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity. Luke 13:24, 27.—Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. I am



the door; by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. Jno. 10:1, 9.

True it is, there is only one entrance to heaven. The door above is the only entrance to one of the finest temples in Tokio, Japan. It is a splendid and beautiful edifice. To enter it one must take off the shoes, for the floor is enameled with red and black lacquer, and is easily soiled. Besides it is considered by them as a holy place. I have been in some churches in this country where the children and even the older people did not have the proper respect for the house of prayer. This entrance is the separation from the world, and that is just what Jesus came to do, to take people out of this old cold world, and offers them something better, higher, nobler, yes, eternal life, even here, but he says, "I am the door." You cannot enter the glory-land on your own good works, or good.

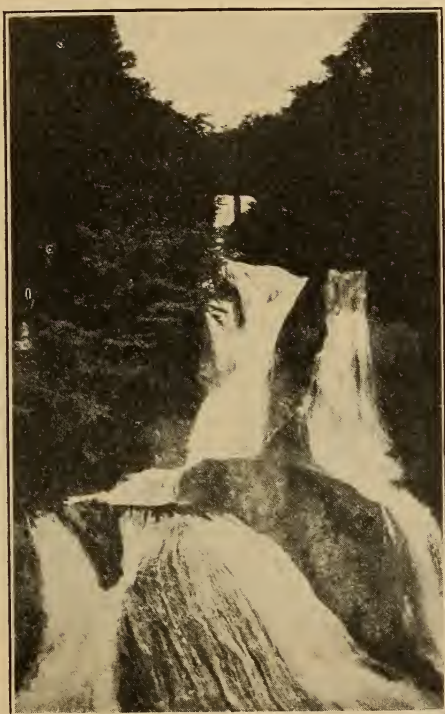
ness, but by the finished work of Jesus upon the Cross. That is the positive condition. All others come short and fail. Read 1 Cor. 2—, special verse 14.

THE TWO FARMERS.

In a small country town, in Massachusetts, there lived, says Rev. Daniel Smith, two wealthy farmers, whose land adjoined each other. On some account or other, they became involved in a law suit, which both lessened their money, and promoted a spirit of rancour towards each other. After a time, one of these men was convinced of the sinfulness of his past conduct, when, yielding to the influence of the gospel, he became desirous of reconciliation and friendship with his neighbor. With a trembling heart, he rapped at the door of the man he had offended, which he had not before entered in six years. Not suspecting who he was, his neighbor invited him in. He went in, took his seat, acknowledged that he had in the affair been much to blame, and entreated forgiveness. The other was much astonished, but maintained his high ground. "I always knew that you were to blame, and I never shall forgive you," with much more to the same purpose, was the reply given to him. He again confessed his wrong, asked the pardon of his neighbor, expressed the hope that the Divine Being would forgive him: and added, "We have been actuated by the wrong spirit; and we shall be afraid to meet each other at the bar of God, where we must soon appear." The other became a little softened, and they parted. The family, when left to themselves, were filled with astonishment. But the mystery was solved when they learned that their neighbor had become a follower of Christ. "What!" said the farmer, has S——— become a Christian? Why should he come and ask my forgiveness? If religion will humble such a man, it is surely a great thing. He said, "We shall be afraid to meet each other at the bar of God." Such reflections as these, with the consciousness of his own ill conduct, occasioned him great distress for several days. At length, he could smother his feelings no longer—he took his hat, and went to see his once-hated neighbor. As he entered the door, he received a cordial welcome: they took each other by the hand, and burst into tears. He said, "You came to ask my forgiveness the other day, but I find I have been a thousand times worse than you." They retired and prayed together. They became members of the same church, and many years in uninterrupted harmony. Such are the triumphs of Christianity, compared with which, "The laurels that Cæsar reaps are weeds."

PRAISE.

Let the heaven and earth praise him, the seas, and everything that moveth therein. Ps. 69:34.—Because thy loving kindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee. Thus will I bless thee while I live; I will lift up my hands in thy name. Ps. 63:3, 4.—I will praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart. Ps. 9:1.—I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being. My meditation of him shall be sweet: I



will be glad in the Lord. Ps. 104:33, 34.—And when they had laid stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailor to keep them safely. And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God and the prisoners heard them. Acts 16:23, 25.—Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have I give thee: in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with him into the temple, walking, leaping, and praising God. Acts 3:6, 8.

Even this beautiful Kiri-furi Falls near Nikko, Japan, seemed to speak its praises to the very heavens. Christians lose much of

their spiritual life by continually asking favors of God, and never praising him for anything. Praise enlarges the heart, and widens the scope of spiritual vision, and brings more real blessings into the life, for the Lord says, "Him that honoreth me I will honor." It pleases Him and makes you happier. You will not have any chance to praise Him after this life if you forget or neglect to do so while here on earth. Have you begun to do so yet? Praise is something within the soul that leaps out to God in joy and gladness. Read 1 Cor. 6:1-20—, special verse 20.

FIRST LOVING.

We love Him, because He first loved us. 1 Jno. 4: 19. Backward and forward in her little rocking-chair went Alice Lee, now clasping her beautiful waxen doll to her bosom, and singing low, sweet lullabies; then smoothing its flaxen curls, patting its rosy cheeks, and whispering softly, "I love you pretty dolly:" and anon casting wistful glances towards her mother, who sat in the bay window busily writing. After what seemed to be a very long time to the little daughter, Mrs. Lee pushed aside the papers, and, looking up, said pleasantly, "I am through for today, Alice; you may now make all the noise you choose." Scarcely were the words uttered ere the little one had flown to her and nestled her head on her loving heart, saying earnestly, "I'm so glad; I wanted to love you so much, mamma." Did you, darling?" and she clasped her tenderly: "I am very glad my Alice loves me so; but I fancy you were not very lonely while I wrote, you and dolly seemed to be having a very happy time together." Yes, we had, mamma, but I got tired after awhile of loving her." "And why?" "Oh, because she never loves me back!" "And that is why you love me?" "That is one way, mamma; but not the first one or the best." "And what is the first and best?" "Why, mamma, don't you know guess?" and the blue eyes grew very bright and earnest. "It's because you loved me when I was too little to love you back: that's why I love you so." "We love Him because He first loved us," whispered the mother; and fervently she thanked God for the little teacher.

O do not pray for easy lives; pray to be stronger men. Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers; pray for powers equal to your tasks: then the doing of your work shall be no miracle. But you shall be a miracle. Every day you shall wonder at yourself, at the richness of life which has come to you by the grace of God.—Phillips Brooks.

WORSHIP.

And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God and him only shalt thou serve. Luke 4:8.—But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. John 4:23, 24.—He spake unto them in the cloudy pillar: they kept his testimonies, and the ordinance that he gave them. Ps. 99:7.—O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our maker. Ps. 95:6.—Give unto the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Ps. 29:2.

The totem poles are worshipped by the Alaskan people as gods. Strange figures are carved and painted on them, and each figure



seems to have a special significance. All the primitive peoples, such as the Indians, etc., have their forms of worshipping the Great Spirit. To some the nearest that they could get to this was by worshipping the Sun. Others fire, water and such other elements. It is quite natural that they should choose something visible, and this is why the Lord gave to the Israelites the First and Second commandments. See Ex. 20:1, 2.—The mind being darkened by sin as to whom God really is, these things are contrived by them. Now, however, God has revealed himself to mankind through his Word, and demands that he be worshipped in spirit and in truth.

It would not be well to take their idols from them, if there were nothing better to offer them instead. But to-day we may know God personally, his love, his Christ, and his Holy Spirit. We may worship him in the beauty of Holiness. Some say they believe

in nothing and worship nothing. Possible! Such one must have a very empty and unsatisfying life. Read Revelation 20—, special verse 12.

INSINCERITY.

And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent. Acts 17: 30.

A lady came to Charles Wesley, complaining that she was the chief of sinners—the worst of transgressors—utterly lost and helpless. “I have no doubt, madam,” he replied, “that you are bad enough.” She instantly flew into a passion, declaring that she was no worse than her neighbors, and scolded the preacher as a slanderer. Thus confession of sin may prove insincere.

THE LIGHT.

Dr. A. C. Dixon relates this beautiful incident: “Samuel Hebich, ‘the master fisher of men’ in India, entered an English officer’s tent and asked him to read the first two verses of Genesis. The officer took down his unused Bible and read them. Then Hebich knelt and prayed. The next day he returned, made the same request, offered the same prayer and left without another word. After the strange man had left, the officer began to feel that his life was truly ‘without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep.’ The third day Hebich came in and said, ‘Now read the first three verses of Genesis,’ and as the officer read, ‘God said, Let there be light,’ the light of salvation flooded his soul and he began to rejoice. May that be the experience of every reader of these words!

EVERYDAY RELIGION.

“I have so fixed the habit in my own mind,” said Stonewall Jackson, “that I never raise a glass of water to my lips without asking God’s blessing. I never seal a letter without putting a word of prayer under the seal. I never take a letter from the post without a brief sending of my thoughts Heavenward. I never change my classes in the section room without a minute’s petition for the cadets who go out and those who come in.”

SAVED.

Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for thou art my praise. Jer. 17:14.—Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear. Isa. 59:1.—But when he (Peter) saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid, and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. Matt. 14:30.—And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins. Matt. 1:21.—For the Son of man is come to seek, and to save that which was lost. Luke 15:10.—For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. Rom. 10:13.—Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. 2 Cor. 6:2.—Wherefore he (Jesus) is able to save them to



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the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. Heb. 7:25.

A supposed shipwreck at sea. The ship is sinking. The Life Saving Crew is called upon to save the perishing ones aboard. With the cannon they hurl the life line out across the ship, which is then fastened to one of the masts, and the passengers are drawn ashore. The sinful are perishing. Jesus left his home of glory to come to this sin stricken world to save the perishing one. Sinner, will you grasp the life line while you have a chance? Boast not thyself of to-morrow, for that may be too late. It is your opportunity now. Christ wants to lift you from the wreckage of sin in this world. He is able to do it, if you will let him. Putting off or delaying to receive this salvation after hearing of the way is only heaping guilt upon guilt against one's self. It is to-day. Decide right now. A

Christian is always a sinner saved by grace. Saved from sin, death, and ourselves unto God. Present salvation from sin. See Rom. 5:1-6.; Rom. 8:1.—Every day salvation from the power of sin. 1 Cor. 10:13; Matt. 26:41.—Future salvation from the presence of sin. Jno. 14:1, 2; Rev. 21:27; 2. Thes. 1:8, 9; Rom. 8:23. Read Col. 1:1-15—, special verse 14.

WHAT CONVINCED HIM.

A minister had delivered a course of addresses on infidelity, and as time went on he was delighted to find that an infidel was anxious to unite himself with the congregation.

"Which of my arguments did you find the most convincing?" asked the minister.

"No argument moved me," was the reply, "but the face and manner of an old blind woman who sits in one of the front rows. I supported her one day as she was groping along, and, putting out her hand to me, she asked, 'Do you love my blessed Saviour?'"

"The look of deep content, her triumphant tones, made me realize as never before that He who could suffice to make one so helpless bright and glad, must be a 'blessed Saviour' indeed."

NOT SAFE TO WAIT.

A lady came to Dr. Chalmers one day and said: "Doctor, I cannot bring my child to Christ. I've talked, and talked, but it's of no use." The doctor said, "Now you be quiet and I will talk to her alone."

When the doctor got the Scotch lassie alone he said to her, "They are bothering you a great deal about this question; now suppose I just tell your mother you don't want to be talked to any more upon this subject for a year. How will that do?"

The Scotch lassie hesitated a little, and then said she "didn't think it would be safe to wait for a year, something might turn up. She might die before then."

"Well, that's so," replied the doctor, "but suppose we say six months."

She didn't think even this would be safe. After a little hesitation, the girl finally said, "I don't think it would be safe to put it off at all," and they went down on their knees and found Christ.

OUT.

But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the Lord: and be sure your sin will find you out. Num. 32:23.—As for the earth, out of it cometh bread: and under it is turned up as it were fire. Job 28:5.—Keep thy heart with all diligence: for out of it are the issues of life. Prov. 4:23.—O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things; and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. Matt. 12:34, 35.—And he saith unto him, Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee, thou wicked servant. Thou knowest that I was an austere man, taking up that I laid not down, and reaping that I did not



sow. Luke 19:22.—If ye were of the world, the world would love his own; but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. Jno. 15:19.—Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me. 2 Tim. 3:11.

Iron ore is being hoisted out of the mine at Eveleth, Minn. It is dumped into the bin and then loaded onto the cars from a trap-door below. In every person there are the good and the evil. God knows how to find them out. He looks upon the intents of the heart, and the evil that proceeds therefrom, as being things that defile the life. Every person shall be judged by the evil that has proceeded from his own mouth. If the world hate you, let it dis-

turb you not, for it hated Jesus also. But all power is given him and he is able to deliver his own out of their difficulties in this life, as he did Saint Paul. Read Acts 18:24-28.

BILLY BRAY AND SATAN.

Billy Bray, the Cornish miner, whose rugged piety and real, consistent consecration to Christ's service have been made a blessing to so many hundreds of God's children, gives much instruction, in his quaint way, as to how to treat the temptations of Satan. He says of himself that, one day, when he was a little downhearted, he stood upon the brink of a coal pit, and some one seemed to say, "Now, Billy, just throw yourself down there, and be rid of all your trouble." He knew in a minute who it was, and, drawing back, said: "O, no, Satan; you can just throw yourself down there. That is your way home; but I am going to my home in a different direction."

Another time, he tells us, his crop of potatoes turned out poorly, and as he was digging them in the fall Satan was at his elbow, and said, "There, Billy, isn't that poor pay for serving your Father the way you have all the year? Just see those small potatoes." He stopped his hoeing, and replied, "Ah, Satan, at it again, talking against my Father. Bless His name! Why, when I served you I didn't get any potatoes at all. What are you talking against my Father for?" And on he went, hoeing and praising the Lord for small potatoes. A valuable lesson for us all.

HOLD FAST.

Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering: (for he is faithful that promised): Heb. 10:23.

Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. Heb. 4: 14, 16. In the reign of Queen Mary of England, a man named Palmer was condemned to die. Before his death he was earnestly persuaded to recant, and among other things, a friend said to him, "Take pity on thy golden years, and pleasant flowers of youth before it is too late." His beautiful reply was, "Sir, I long for those springing flowers which shall never fade away." When in the midst of the flames he exhorted his suffering companions to constancy, saying, "We shall not end our lives in the fire, but make a change for a better life: yea, for coals we shall receive pearls."

IMPROPER ATTITUDE.

How shall I curse, whom God hath not cursed? or how shall I defy, whom the Lord hath not defied? Num. 23:8.—Then said David to the Philistine (Goliath), Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield; but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied. 1 Sam. 17:45.—How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation? Heb. 2:3.—It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. Heb. 10:31.—God is jealous, and the Lord revengeth; the Lord revengeth and is furious; the Lord will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserveth wrath for his enemies. Nahum 1:2. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but give place unto wrath; for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will



repay saith the Lord. Rom. 12:19.—And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in a flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Thess. 1:7, 8.

The poor Indian has suffered severely for his defiant attitude toward the white man, whatever his rights may have been in the past. He was naturally blind to the progressive ways of mankind. Defiance is always the wrong spirit, and the improper attitude to take. There are many who defy their God every day. Rebelling against his way, closing their hearts against his laws and Jesus Christ; but such will be the loser in the end. In the words of George Eliot we find the right spirit, "How will you find good? It is not a thing of choice; it is a river that flows from the foot of the

invisible throne, and flows by the path of obedience." Read 1 Cor. 3—, special verse 16.

READY.

Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work. Titus 3:11.—Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. Gal. 6:2.—We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Rom. 15:1.—And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith. Gal. 6:9, 10.—Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin. Jas. 4:17.



If you were to visit Yokohama, Japan, you would see many of these little buggies pulled about by men in place of horses. The jinrikisha is now famous, for it is used in most of the eastern countries, particularly so in Japan. It is the common vehicle of conveyance for the people. {This man is ever alert, watching, waiting and ready to serve you. Every Christian should also be ready to lend a helping hand, and to do good to his fellow men, especially so to his own brethren in the faith. In the words of Phillips Brooks we may say, "It is good for us to think that no grace or blessing is truly ours till we are aware that God has blessed some one else with it through us." As the Apostle says, Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. James 1:22. Read Psalm 136.

THE IMPORTANT STEP.

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Matt. 6:33.—For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish. Luke 14:28. If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land. But if ye refuse and rebel, then ye shall be devoured with the sword. Isa. 1:19, 20.—For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. Isa. 55:8.—Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Matt. 4:17.—Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. Jno. 14:6. Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of



the Lord. Acts 3:19.—I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance. Luke 15:7.—I tell you, Nay: but except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. Luke 13:3.

There is always a beginning to every thing in this world. To begin rightly is the all-important matter. "To know thyself" is a good basis to work on. Many build air-castles which will crumble to pieces in time. This will apply to the secular and spiritual things alike. All wish to succeed is natural. It is the desire of every one to go to the heavenly land when through with this world. But to go anywhere necessitates a starting point. Many think, speculate, and dream about it, but what good of all this? It is the starting that is so essential. If one would enter heaven he must surely consider the cost and pay the price.

This is the entrance to the Portland Fair. Some are entering, while others are standing on the outside and do not go in. They were probably not willing to pay the price. Jesus made the way clear when he said, "REPENT." The price God demands, is, accept Jesus for your Savior, Master and Lord, and give up your sinning and your ways and take his ways and follow him. Sinful man is going away from God, so it is necessary to right-face-about, and go to him. This is real repentance. False repentance is where one feels sorry for his sins, but does not turn to God for help. Judas, the traitor, had this kind of repentance or sorrow. Matt. 27:3-5. The test of true repentance of a Christian is: 1. Love to God; 2. Love to man; 3. Hatred of evil.

The great Earl of Shaftesbury when a young man said, "I have been considering my future career. The first principle is God's honor; the second, man's happiness; the means, prayer and unremitting diligence." Read Galatians 1—, special verse 8.

FOLLOWING CHRIST.

Matthew, look up; you are called! City man, you are called! Cashier, you are called! Don't you hear? Called! Answer to the call. Business men. Christ walks into business, and calls men by His grace while at the seat of custom. He is instant in season, and out of season." "And Matthew left all, rose up, and followed Him." (Matt. 9:9.) My hearers, I have told you often from this pulpit unless God had spoken in this Book I had no message to men. My whole stock-in-trade is just to repeat what He has said. This only is the witchcraft I have used. Look at it. "And he left all, rose up, and followed Jesus." If that entry has not been made in your spiritual biography and dairy, your life has not been worth living up till now. I dare to repeat it, and look into your face. With all your abilities, your years, honors, successes, unless that red-letter entry can be put beside your name, your life is a wretched failure up to now. "He left all, rose up, and followed Christ." Then he began to live: never till then. The life received meaning and purpose.—McNeill.

CHRIST.

Napoleon once testified to Christ's power when he said, "Alexander, Cæsar, Charlemagne and myself founded empires on force, and they perished: Jesus of Nazareth alone, a crucified Jew, founded His kingdom on love, and at this hour millions of men would die for Him."

THE WORLD VS. THE CHRISTIAN.

They (the Christians) are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. 1 Jno. 17:16.—Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and the widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world. Jas. 1:27.—Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of God the Father is not in him. 1 Jno. 2:15.—Teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world. Titus 2:12.—For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica. 2 Tim. 4:10.—If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. Jno. 15:18.—I pray not, that thou shouldest take



them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from evil. Jno. 17:15.—In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer: I have overcome the world. Jno. 16:33.—I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. Jno. 17:9.

This view shows the main buildings at the Portland Fair. It is used here to represent the world through which the Christian must pass. He begins the Christian life by accepting Jesus as his personal Savior from sin, but is left to sojourn in this world for certain number of days, months or years. The world has many beautiful things to offer and attract, to entice and pull him away from the objective destination. The friendship received from the world is cold, sullen, and unkind. Augustine said, "Trust not the world, for it never payeth what it promiseth." Crates threw his

gold into the sea, saying, "I will destroy thee, lest thou destroy me." "If men do not put the love of the world to death, the love of the world will put them to death," remarks Venning. One cannot hold on to Christ and the world at the same time. God has given man the power of choosing whom he will serve. See John 1:12. Read John 17—, special verse 3.

ASSOCIATES.

Sophronius, a wise teacher, would not suffer his grown up sons and daughters to associate with those whose conduct was not pure and upright. "Dear father," said the gentle Eulalia to him one day, when he forbade her, in company with her brother, to visit the volatile Lucinda, "you must think us very childish if you imagine that we would be exposed to danger by it." The father took in silence a dead coal from the hearth, and reached it to his daughter. "It will not burn you, my child; take it. "She did so, and behold, her delicate white hand was soiled and blackened, and her dress soiled, too. "We cannot be too careful in handling coals; even if they do not burn, they will blacken. So it is with the company of the vicious."

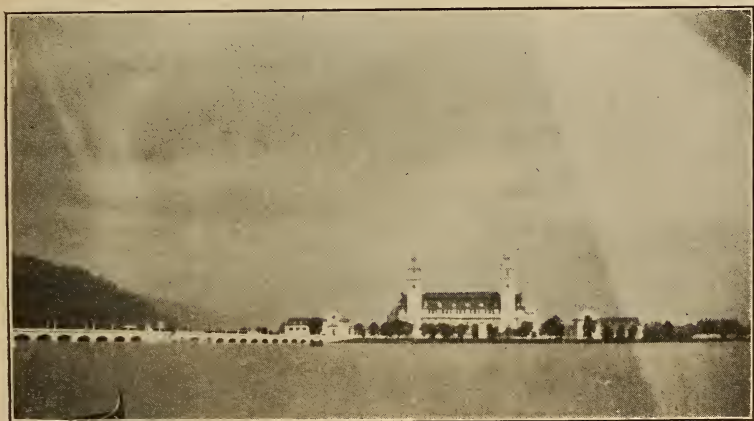
THE DANGER.

General Philip Sheridan was once asked by a friend: "Phil, if you could choose for your little son from all the temptations which will be beset him the one most to be feared, what would it be?"

The General leaned his head on his hand and said soberly: "It would be the curse of strong drink. Boys are not saints. We are all self-willed, strong-willed, maybe, full of courage, and thrift, and push, and kindness, and charity; but woe be to the man or boy who becomes a slave of liquor! Oh, I would rather see my little son die today than to see him carried in to his mother drunk! One of my brave soldier boys in the field said to me just before battle, when he gave me his message to his mother if he should be killed: 'Tell her I have kept my promise to her, not one drink have I tasted.' The boy was killed. I carried the message with my own lips to the mother. She said: 'General, that is more glory for my boy than if he had taken a city.' "

THE BRIDGE OF TIME (Day.)

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Heb. 11:1.—By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left. 2 Cor. 6:7.—That was the true light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. Jno. 1:9.—Moreover thou leddest them in the day by a cloudy pillar. Neh. 9:12.—As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world. Jno. 5:5.—Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, but is now made manifest by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. 2 Tim. 1:9, 10.—The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? Ps. 27:1.



This bridge takes one across the lake to the Government Building at the Portland Fair. Christ is the light of the word to the lost. He calls people out of darkness heavenward which place the earthly do not fully understand. They must take him at his word, and walk toward it by faith. The Israelites were led by the cloudy pillar by day, and by a pillar of fire by night. Christ is the true light to the people through this earthly journey. About half-way cross the bridge there is a stairway leading down to the lake, where the boatmen are soliciting your attention. Many have started with the best of intentions to cross to the Government Building, but stopped off at the half-way station for a boat-ride. The sun may have been hot, and they may have become tired, or merely seeking

pleasure. Many good intentions never reach heaven, as well as many good-intentioned people who have stopped off somewhere. If you have, you must get on where you left off, or you will always be unhappy and finally lost. 'Read John 16—, special verse 33.

THE STRONGER.

Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. 1 Jno. 4:4.—For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. 1 Jno. 5:4.—These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer: I have overcome the world. Jno. 16:33.

A little boy came to his father one day, looking very much in earnest, and asked, "Father is Satan bigger than I am?" "Yes, my boy," said the father. "Is he bigger than you, Father?" "Yes, my boy, he is bigger than your father." The boy looked surprised, but thought again, and then asked, "Is he bigger than Jesus?" "No, my boy, answered the father, Jesus is bigger than he is." The little fellow, as he turned away, said with a smile, "Then I am not afraid of him."

DOUBLE GOING.

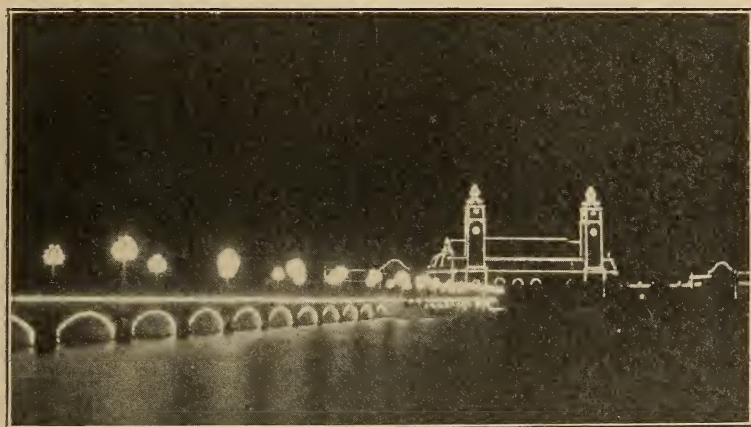
Sir Edward Peary, the Artic explorer, thought himself traveling poleward at the rate of ten miles a day, but found that the ice-floe on which he was sledging, was drifting equator-ward twelve miles a day, but he would not have known he was being carried daily backward two miles, had he not looked skyward. So, the pilgrim, who only plods along with his gaze on the ground, may be losing instead of making progress. No one can be certain of advancing without looking up. On the dead level of life, there are no landmarks. However, a good many people are going to heaven this way.

A CHEERFUL VIEW.

And of His fulness have all we received, and grace for grace. Jno. 1:16. "How dismal you look!" said a bucket to his companion as they were going to the well. "Ah!" replied the other, "I was reflecting upon the uselessness of our being filled; for let us go away ever so full, we always come back empty." "Dear me! how strange to look at it in that way!" said the other bucket. "Now, I enjoy the thought that however empty we come, we always go away full. Only look at it in that light, and you'll be as cheerful as I am."

BRIDGE OF TIME. (Night.)

The day is thine, the night is also thine; thou hast prepared the light and the sun. Ps. 74:16.—And in the night by a pillar of fire, to give them (the Israelites) light in the way wherein they should go. Neh. 9:12.—For God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 2 Cor. 4:6.—Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have light of life. Jno. 8:12.—I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in dark-



ness. Jno. 12:46.—And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reprov'd. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought of God. Jno. 3:19-21.

The life in this world may be dark and dreary, but there are lights along the way to guide the Christian traveler, and his business is to keep himself in the light and in the way. Christ's light shines in the darkness as well as the day. Walking, praying, trusting and hoping in the love and power of Jesus Christ every day and all the way is the Christian's duty. Man fails when he loves to walk in the darkness. It is unsafe. Read John 14—, special verse 27.

INSPECTION DAY.

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. 2 Cor. 5:10.—When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory; and before him shall be gathered all nations; and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats. Matt. 25:31, 32.—So then every one of us shall give an account of himself to God. Rom. 14:22.—His Lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few



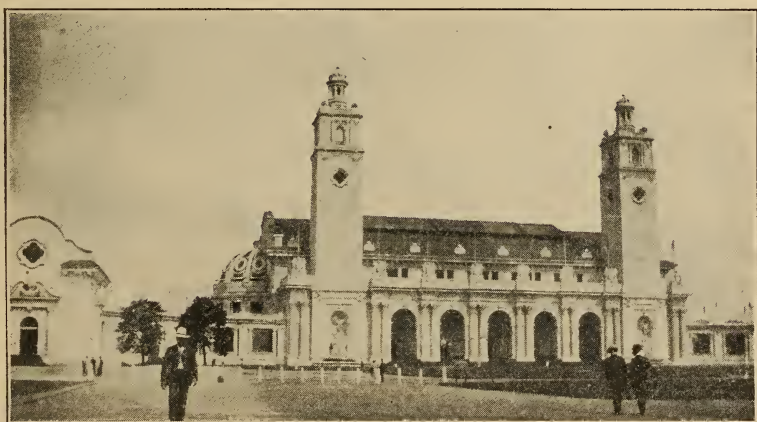
things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord. Matt. 25:21.

The soldiers were serving at the Portland Fair, and this was Inspection Day. They had to undergo inspection by their superior officer. They had to give an account personally of the condition of their uniforms, and weapons, and how they had used them, and how they kept them in order. Every Christian shall be called to appear personally before Christ on the great Inspection Day to give an account of the things that he has done in his course of life while on the earth. If we could all be ready to say with Paul, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." 2 Tim. 4:6.—How blessed it would be to hear Christ say, "Well done!" Read John 9:13-41, special verse 31.

THE HEAVENS.

But our God is in the heavens; he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased. Ps. 115:3.—Unto thee I lift up mine eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens. Ps. 123:1.—For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2 Cor. 5:1.—Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me (Jesus). In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. Jno. 14:1, 2.—But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. 1 Cor. 2:9.

The Government Building at the Portland Fair was built on an island and was a marvel in itself. Everything appertaining to our own country was on exhibit there. Each Department (State, War,



etc.) vied with each other in excellency. I spent several days scanning over the many objects to be seen, from the cheapest postage stamp to the powerful warship—a model. Too much to behold! The mind could not receive it all. The more one studied, the more he saw to study. One could not imagine what was inside by looking from the outside, nor would anybody that had been inside venture to tell you. How often we speculate about heaven. Heaven is not a condition. Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people. God has revealed only sufficient to us to know the way to enter it. We shall never understand it all while in this world. We can only see the steeples (the stars) of it now. The Psalmist said, “Marvellous are thy works.” So I liken this building to heaven. It is necessary to enter it personally, and then you will become en-

raptured with its splendors. Meeting a friend here, and saluting another there, with a "Well I didn't ever expect to see you here" to another, but all the time absorbed in its glories. The way to enter is by the narrow bridge over the lake of time. The light shineth by day, and by night. To enter here you must truly begin with the lesson entitled "The Important Step." This is the point where so many fail. Many are trying to slip into heaven by a back-door. Read John 3:1-14, special verse 12.

PERSECUTION FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS SAKE.

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world.
1 Jno. 2:15.

When Lady Huntingdon withdrew from the fashionable circles of the great, the line of conduct she thought proper to pursue naturally excited the enmity of those of her own rank, although she had a testimony in the consciences of them, as appeared even in their words, that what she did was right. One day at Court, the Prince of Wales inquired of Lady Charlotte Edwin, a lady of fashion, where my Lady Huntingdon was, that she so seldom visited the circle. Lady Charlotte replied with a sneer, "I suppose, praying with her beggars." The Prince shook his head, and turning to Lady Charlotte, said, "Lady Charlotte! when I am dying, I think I shall be happy to seize the skirt of Lady Huntingdon's mantle, to lift me up with her to heaven."

THE SECRET OF IT.

The Count of Toulouse was once asked by a friend how it was he had managed so completely to win the love of his 200 servants. "Indeed," said the friend, "I believe there is not one of them that would not die to save your life." "That may be," replied the count, "but I would rather lost 200 lives than that any of them should suffer." That answer unconsciously explained the whole matter. The servants loved their master because he loved them. And it is this that explains the power of Christianity, which is not fundamentally a philosophy or even a theology, but centers in a person, Jesus Christ, of whom it was said by one of his most devoted followers: "We love him because he first loved us." Christ's love for humanity is the ground of that passionate devotion to himself which, instead of passing from the earth, is daily increasing, and will yet claim all the sons of men.

THE INTRODUCTION.

One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messias, which is, being interpreted the Christ. And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, A stone. Jno. 1:40, 42.—The following day Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow me. Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write. Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph. And Nathanael said unto him, Can any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip said unto him,



Come and see. Jno. 1:44,46.—And they came to Jericho; and as he went out of Jericho with his disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimæus, the son of Timæus, sat by the highway side begging. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me. Mark 10:46, 47.

To every friendship there is always the beginning—the introduction. The Japanese ladies are being introduced. They never shake the hand, as is the custom in this country, but in a manner as is shown. It would be a difficult way for the American, and from outward appearance, it seems very tedious for them. To become a Christian this is a very necessary step. If you have no one to introduce you to Jesus, then you have the same privilege as Bartimæus did. Let not that chance slip by you. It might be your last. Then think also about your father, mother, brothers and sisters,

friends and neighbors, as did Andrew and Philip. "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." Jno. 17:3.—To know of or about Jesus is not sufficient. You must know Him as your personal Savior and friend. He is the surest and truest friend a man can have. You are missing much if you do not personally know Him. Do you realize this? Read Matt. 24:29, 51—, special verse 44.

AM I A CHANNEL, OR A BARRIER?

Dr. J. E. Carson, of New York City, said to his congregation one Sunday morning, that every saved man was either a channel through which the Spirit of God was reaching the unsaved, or a barrier preventing the Spirit from doing His work. One of the trustees of the church said to himself on the way home: "Am I a channel, or a barrier?" That night he could not sleep, and cried out: "O Lord, make me a channel!" Almost the first thought that came was that there were some men in his employ to whom he had never spoken a word about Jesus Christ. He confessed his fault, and told the Lord that if he would make him a channel he would speak to these men. The first man that entered his office next morning was his confidential clerk, who had been with him eighteen years. The merchant said: "Edward, haven't I been a good employer to you?" "Yes, sir." "Have not I treated you well?" "Yes, sir. Why, sir, what have I done," said the clerk, "that you are going to discharge me?" "Edward, I am on my way to heaven, and I want you to go with me." Tears came into the eyes of both men as Edward took the merchant's extended hand, and said: "I will sir." Doctor Carson afterwards received eleven men into his church because this trustee has consented to be a channel for the Holy Spirit.—J. W. Mahood.

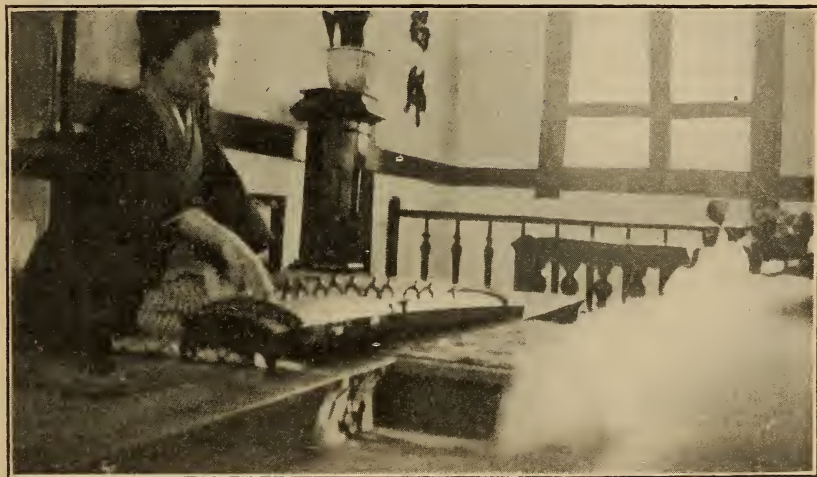
THE THREE LINKS.

Who hath believed our report. Isa. 53:1.

William Carter in a sermon to the outcasts of London, said: "Hear what Jesus declares: 'Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth My word, and believeth on Him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from life unto life.' Here, my friends, there are three links in the blessed chain of truth—hearing, believing, and having. The devil always tries to cut these links off, and give three links of his own forging, viz.—doing, praying, and feeling." God's way of salvation is clear, and plain when we get the right view of it. It is very easy to become side-tracked on the devil's plan. It takes one just near enough "to lose it."

TUNE-UP.

And David and all Israel played before God with all their might,, and with singing and with harps. 1 Chron. 13:8.—And the children of Israel that were present at Jerusalem kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with great gladness: and the Levites and the priests praised the Lord day by day, singing with loud instruments unto the Lord. 2 Chron. 30:21.—Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Ps. 100:2.—Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for the Lord hath comforted his people, and will have mercy upon his afflicted. Isa. 49:13.—Therefore the redeemed of the Lord shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away. Isa.



51:11.—I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being. Ps. 104:33.—I will sing a new song unto thee, O God: upon a psaltry and instrument of ten strings will I sing praises unto thee. Ps. 144:9.—Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord. Eph. 5:19.

Shakespeare said, "The man that hath not music in himself, and is not moved with accord of sweet sounds, is fit for treason, stratagems, and spoils; let no man trust him." I would say that such one is out of tune with God and needs to be tuned up by a touch of His love. The Japanese are not a musical people, yet they love music. I saw only one band in the country. They have specially trained singing girls, who play upon a kind of banjo, and

there is about as much music to it, as I used to make, when a boy, upon my two-stringed corn-stalk fiddle. Their singing is simply making a fearful humdrum noise, pitched at the highest or lowest note of the scale with scarcely anything in between; but a noise is always better than nothing. They always did their best so they were to be praised for making even the noise. The young woman is playing a different instrument, a harp, on Christmas Day, to a christian blind school in Yokohama. The christian songs are doing much to awaken the Japanese to a new life, as well as other peoples of the world. Sing such hymns as, "Nearer my God to thee." "What a friend we have in Jesus," Pass me not, O gentle Savior," "Jesus lover of my soul," "There is a fountain filled with blood," "Just as I am without one plea," "Tell Mother I'll be there" and "Let Jesus come into your heart." Singing these precious songs will help you along the way. Sing! Sing!! Make a joyful noise anyway! Read Acts 12—, special verse 23.

DO YOUR BEST.

A minister tells how, when a boy, he was a great whistler, and sometimes whistled in unusually and unseemly places. One day, not long since, says an exchange, he came out of a hotel whistling quite low. A little boy playing in the yard heard him, and said: "Is that the best you can whistle?"

"No," said the minister, "can you beat it?"

The boy said he could, and the minister said: "Well, let's hear you."

The little fellow began to whistle, and then insisted that the minister should try again. He did so, and the boy acknowledged that it was good whistling, and as he started away the little fellow said: "Well, if you can whistle better, what were you whistling that way for?"

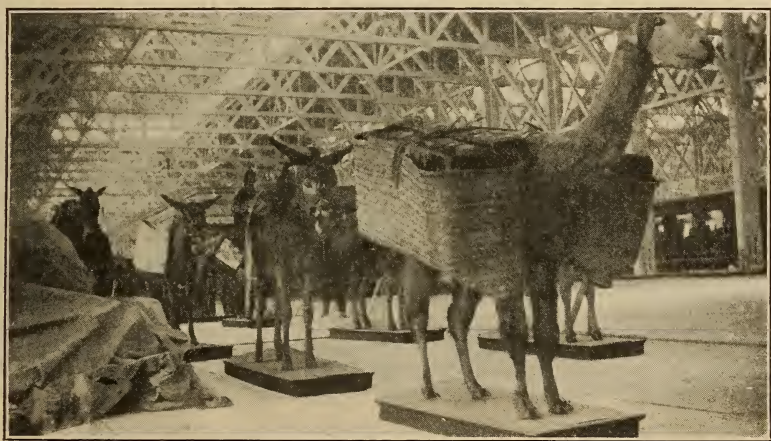
The world has plenty of poor, slipshod, third-class work done by people who could do better if they would.

OUR MISSION IN LIFE.

Life is not a mere living. It is worship—it is the surrender of the soul to God; and the power to see the face of God; and it is service—it is to feel that when we die, whether praised or blamed, whether appreciated or misinterpreted, whether honored or ignored, whether wealthy or destitute—we have done something to make the world we came to better and happier—we have tried to cast upon the waters some seeds which, long after we are dead, may still bring forth their flowers of Paradise. The seed dies, but the harvest lives. Sacrifice is always fruitful, and there is nothing fruitful else.—Canon Farrar.

THE OLD.

Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. Isa. 43:18.—Hast thou marked the old way which wicked men have trodden? Job. 22:15.—Behold, the Lord God will help me; who is he that shall condemn me? lo, they all shall wax old as a garment; the moth shall eat them up. Isa. 50:9.—And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. Rev. 12:9.—Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth. Ps. 71:9.—Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be made a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For Christ our pass-over is sacrificed for us. 1 Cor. 5:7.—That ye put off concerning



the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts. Eph. 4:22.—Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things become new. 2 Cor. 5:17.

The old way of transporting and traveling exhibited at the St. Louis Fair, showing the llama, burro, mule and horse.

Life is progressive in both the spiritual and secular world. The conversion of a man spiritually is an instantaneous work of Grace, but there may be a gradual leading up to this point of life, as well as a gradual and progressive work in the life thereafter. There goes the old farmer with his old worn-out spring-wagon. The wheels wobble-wabble and clatter and cut up all sorts of fantastical capers till all the neighbors have it for a by-word. He says to himself, "I ought to have a new one." He thinks, and thinks hard over the matter all the way to town. While in Ecuador, S.

A., I went from Guayaquil, the seaport, to Quito, which is nearly two miles above the sea level. The first day was by a river steamer. Then it took six days to climb the Andes mountains. The highest point reached, was 14,000 ft. at the foot of Mount Chimborazo, which is 20,700 feet. There was no railroad, nor even a wagon road, but the narrow bridal path for the little mule, or the burro, the only means of conveyance for the past centuries. It was a wonderful trip, but six days on that little mule almost spoiled it. When night came I was tired and glad to get rid of the little fellow, and when morning crept around I felt just as sorry to see him again. It is the old way of traveling. He just suited for the old times. Sinful man is traveling in and on the old way. He needs not an improvement, nor to be patched up, but an entire change of life. To put away the former things, the old past life with all its former worldly and sinful habits, and to take on the new. Who would think of using these old ways now? We have something new. Try it. Read Ps. 134—, special verse 7.

ONE SIN.

[While I was walking in the garden one bright morning, a breeze came through and set all the flowers and leaves a fluttering. Now this is the way they talked, so I pricked up my ears and listened. Presently, an old elder tree said, "Flowers, shake off your caterpillars!" "Why!" said a dozen altogether, for they were like some children, who always say "Why," when they are told to do anything—bad children, those! The elder said, "If you don't they'll eat you up alive." So the flowers set themselves a shaking till the caterpillars were shaken off. In one of the middle beds there was a beautiful rose, who shook off all but one, and said to herself, "Oh, that's a beauty! I'll keep that one." The elder overhead her, and and called out, "One caterpillar is enough to spoil you." "But," said the rose, "look at his brown and crimson fur, and his beautiful black eyes, and scores of little feet; I want to keep him; surely one won't hurt me." A few mornings after, I passed the rose again; there was not a whole leaf on her; her beauty was gone; she was all but killed, and had only life enough to weep over her folly, while the tears stood like dew-drops on her tattered leaves. "Alas! I didn't think one caterpillar would ruin me."—*C. A. Davis.*

If a man has got any religion worth the having, he will do his duty and not make a fuss about it. It is the empty kettle that rattles.

THE NEW.

Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? *Isa. 43:19.*—Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them. *Isa. 42:9.*—They (blessings) are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness. *Lam. 3:23.*—A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. *Ezek. 36:26.*—By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his (Christ's) flesh. *Heb. 10:20.*—Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a



new creature. *2 Cor. 5:17.*—Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness. *2 Pet. 3:17.*—And they sung a new song, saying, Thou (Jesus Christ) art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof; for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God, by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation. *Rev. 5:9.*

When Solomon said, "there was no new thing under the sun," he spoke the truth. God has had for man from the beginning all that he has to-day. The wise and great king that he was, was satisfied with a chariot. He had all the elements for an automobile then as we have now. God says to us, My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways. *Isa. 55:8.*—He gives these things to man in his own way and time. The old farmer hitches his horse in front of a certain store. A man comes out and says to him, "Don't you think you ought to get a new rig?" "I've been thinking about it," he replies. He goes into the shop and ex-

changes his old wagon with some cash for the best new carriage in the house. In place of the frown, he carries home with him a glad heart. His neighbors rejoice and pass him now without fear of a wreck. His wife, sons and daughters are made happy. Everything about the home soon takes on a new aspect. Human nature is the same the world over, and is absolutely helpless without God aiding and controlling it. This is why he sent Jesus into the world to change the old order of things, and to bring in a new, particularly in the spiritual. The old way was "an eye for an eye, tooth for a tooth, and redemption through the sacrifice of animals." Now, it is love thy enemy, and thy neighbor as thyself, and redemption through the sacrifice that Jesus made upon the Cross. Jesus came that this old nature and spirit might be made new. He makes it possible for us to exchange our sinfulness for God's righteousness through his shed blood. See Rom. 3:24, 26.—This new man in the new way with a new hope shall sing a new song in a new heaven. How wonderful! Have you made the change? Read Matt. 5:1-16.

HOPE FOR SUCH.

A German prince visited the arsenal of Toulon, where a large number of men, condemned for different crimes, were working as galley slaves. The prince was told that, in compliment to his visit, he was allowed to free one of them. He inquired of first one, then another, the cause of his punishment. Each declared that he had been unjustly accused, or wrongfully arrested, till he came to a fine big man with a sorrowful face. He confessed what he had done, and said, "I acknowledge it, and I deplore it. I deserve my punishment." Turning to the officers, the prince exclaimed, "This is the man for whose release I make request. He is the first I have found who feels he has done wrong and has anything to be forgiven." Does God ever have to say to us, "Behold, I will plead with thee, because thou sayest, I have not sinned?"

TWO FACES.

When Rev. Roland Hill at one time was in Scotland, he was introduced to an aged minister, somewhat resembling himself in piety and eccentricity. The old man looked at him for some time very earnestly, and at length said: "Weel, I have been looking for some teem at the leens of your face." "And what do you think of it?" said Mr. Hill. "Why, I am thinking that if the Grace of God had not changed your heart, you would be a most tremendous rogue." Mr. Hill laughed heartily, and said: "Well, you have just hit the nail on the head."

HALF-WAY BUSINESS.

And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell, but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. Josh. 24:15.—And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy fathers, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for the Lord searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off forever. 1 Chron. 28:9.—No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve



God and mammon. Matt. 6:24.—Because thou servedst not the Lord thy God with joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, for the abundance of all things: therefore shalt thou serve thine enemies which the Lord shall send upon thee, in hunger, and in thirst, and in want of all things. Dent. 28:47, 48.—I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. Rom. 12:1.—For God's my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers. Rom. 1:9.

The Swan is used at Sioux City, Iowa, only during the short season, and the remainder of the year lies idle. It rusts, and gets out of working order generally, and must be overhauled, before it

is fit for service again. There are many church members like this little boat. They take quite an active interest for a little while during the year, and then want to take a lay off for the rest, and let everything go to smash. Then it takes an extra preacher, and a revival to get them ready for service again. The Lord will not bless half-way (half-hearted) business in his service. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. Matt. 22:37. Read Malachi 3—, special verse 10.

SHE HAPPIED HIM UP.

Agnes is a little girl with such a bright, happy face that it is a pleasure to look at her.

One day, in answer to her mother's call, she came running home from a neighbor's two or three doors away.

Her eyes were so bright, her lips so smiling, that her mother smiled too.

"Do you want me mother?" asked Agnes.

"No, dear," said her mother. "Not for anything important. I missed you, that is all. Where were you, daughter?"

"At the Browns'. And oh, mother, Walter was cross, but I happied him up, so that he got all over it; and then the baby cried, and I had to happy her up; then someone stepped on the kitten's tail, and I was just going to happy her up when you called me."

The mother laughed.

"Why, what a happying time you had! It must make you happy yourself to happy up little boys, and babies, and kittens, for you look as happy as possible.."

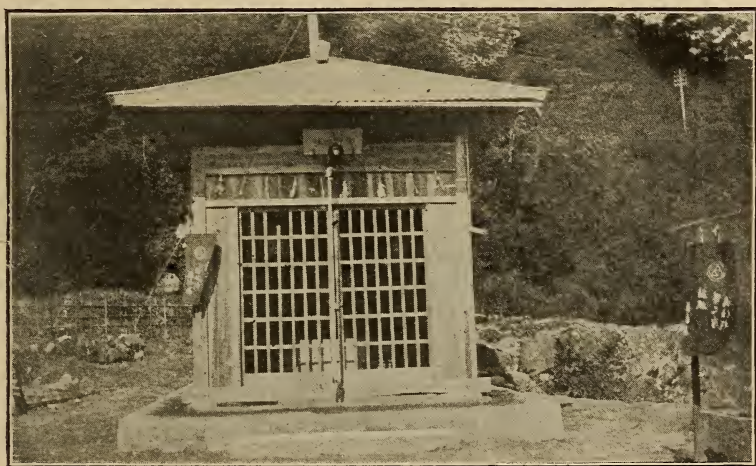
And this is true, dear girls. The more we try to make others happy, the happier we shall be ourselves. Then put away frowns and pouting lips. Try to "happy up" those who are troubled, cross or sick and soon you will find yourself so happy that your face will shine with smiles.

HE PLANTED FOR OTHERS.

The poor man who seeks to help, even in the smallest way, but with a right spirit, his fellow men, is of infinitely greater worth to the race than the man of millions, whose chief aim and end are his own pleasure. A poor and aged man was seen planting an apple tree and was somewhat rudely accosted by a stranger who said, "Why do you plant trees when you cannot possibly live long enough to eat the fruit of them?" The poor man raised himself and leaning on his shovel said: "Someone planted trees before I was born, and I have eaten the fruit; I now plant for others, that the memorial of my gratitude may exist when I am dead and gone." That is the Christian point of view.

PRAYER.

Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, ye that are escaped of the nations: they have no knowledge that set up the wood of their graven image, and pray unto a god that cannot save. Isa. 45:20.—Then shall ye call upon me and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. Jer. 29:12.—Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God: for unto thee will I pray. Ps. 5:2.—But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closer, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Matt. 6:6, 7.—If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not



hear me. Ps. 66:18.—Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: for every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. Matt. 7:7, 8.—And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint. Luke 18:1.—What is it then? I will pray with the spirit and I will pray with the understanding also. 1 Cor. 14:15.

A prayerless person is a perishing person. The one thing the Christian will do, that is to pray. It is the natural thing for the one depending on God, his Father, to do. The Japanese temple you see, is a small one, possibly twelve feet square. There is placed in it a bronze idol. Just below and in front of the idol is a wooden box with bars across the top, in which the offerings are cast. You see the rope suspended from the top and a bell attached to it. Most of the people when they go to worship, just take hold of the rope

and ring the bell (to call the attention of their god) and clap their hands three times and then bow the head and offer a short prayer. It is seemingly all done in a moment. One thing is always certain before they pray, and that is to make their offering in money. If you do not know how to pray, then do as the disciples did, say, "Lord teach me how to pray" and then keep at it. He will not pay any attention to the mistakes of your language, for he looks at the heart what it says. I Sam. 16:7. Read Acts 17:10-34, special verse 23.

A PAUSE IN THE PRAYER.

"If I should die 'fore I wake," said Donny, kneeling at grandmother's knee, "'f I should die 'fore I wake"—

"I pray," prompted the gentle voice. "Go on, Donny."

"Wait a minute," interposed the small boy, scrambling to his feet and hurrying away downstairs. In a brief space he was back again, and, dropping down in his place took up his petition where he had left it. But when the little white-gowned form was safely tucked in bed, the grandmother questioned with loving rebuke concerning the interruption.

"But I did think what I was sayin', grandmother; that's why I had to stop. You see, I'd upset Ted's menagerie, and all his wooden soldiers on their heads, just to see how he'd tear 'round in the mornin'. But 'f I should die 'fore I wake, why—I didn't want him to find 'em that way, so I had to go down and fix 'em right. There's lots of things that seem funny if you're goin' to keep on livin', but you don't want 'em that way if you should die 'fore you wake."

"That was right, dear; it was right," commended the voice with its tender quaver. "A good many of our prayers wouldn't be hurt by stopping in the middle of them to undo a wrong."—
The Children's Friend.

THE TRANSFORMING POWER OF LIFE.

The Arabs have a saying about the palm tree, that it stands with its feet in salt water and its head in the sun. They often cannot drink the brackish water found in the oasis where the palm grows, but they tap the tree and drink the sweet palm sap.

The palm tree, by the magic of its inner life, can so change the elements found in the unkindly soil around it that they minister to its growth and strength and fruit-bearing. So we, in our earthly life, must often have our feet in the mire and bitterness of sin around us; and upon our heads will beat the fierce heat of temptation. But in spite of these things, we shall be able to grow and grow strong, if within there is the making of a new life through Jesus Christ.

PRIDE AND VANITY.

Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall. Prov. 16:18.—A man's pride shall bring him low: but honor shall uphold the humble in spirit. Prov. 29:23.—The pride of thine heart hath deceived thee, thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation is high; that saith in his heart, Who shall bring me down to the ground? Obadiah 1:3.—And they rejected his statutes, and his covenant that he made with their fathers, and his testimonies which he testified against them; and they followed vanity, and became vain, and went after the heathen that were around about them, concerning whom the Lord had charged them, that they should not do like them. 2 Kings 17:15.—I have not sat with vain persons, neither will I go in with dissemblers. Ps. 26:4.—Thou wilt save the afflicted people; but wilt bring down high looks. Ps. 18:27.—Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. Jas. 4:6.—If a man



think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself. Gal. 6:3.—Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. 1 Cor. 10:12.

This is a portion of Butte City, Mont., showing some of the famous copper mines. These mines were very interesting to me, but this little girl was too, for she seemed to be "bigger" in her own estimation than everything else in the world. A pretty little girl she was, but so full of pride and vanity, because of her peculiar curls and cow-boy trousers, which the other boys and girls did not have. We find that the people older than she, are sometimes possessed with this same sort of feeling. Pride is not always hidden under silks and satins, but quite often crops out from under the

meanest kind of garb. It is dangerous to the soul of man, wherever it may dwell. These terrible things cheat many lives out of happiness, and peace, and heaven. Read Psalm 119:33-48.

PERISHING.

And the children of Israel spake unto Moses, saying, Behold, we die, we perish, we all perish. Num. 17:12.—The wicked shall see it and be grieved; he shall gnash with his teeth, and melt away: the desire of the wicked shall perish. Ps. 112:10.—The hope of the righteous shall be gladness: but the expectation of the wicked shall perish. Prov. 10:28.—I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. Luke 13:3.—And



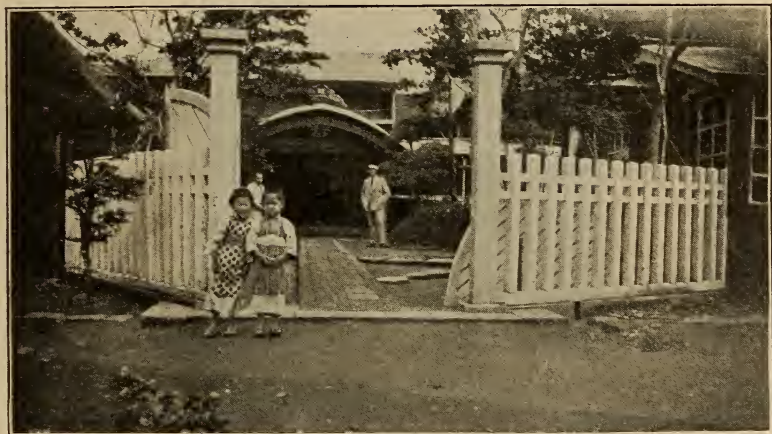
I (Jesus) give unto them eternal life, and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. Jno. 10:28.—But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money. Acts 8:20. — The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some count slackness: but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. 2 Pet. 3:9.

The house is in Butte, Montana. The fire is raging within, and the firemen are doing their utmost to save the building. It is perishing. Man is in the like condition. The terrible fire of sin is raging within, and will cause the soul to be lost, unless there is a turning unto the stream that never fails—Jesus, the Saviour, the friend of the sinner. Do you realize your own danger? Read Mark 2:1-12, special verse 9.

THE GATES.

Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in. Isa. 26:2.—Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. Ps. 100:4.—Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, and I will praise the Lord. This gate of the Lord, into which the righteous shall enter. Ps. 118:19, 20.—Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be lifted up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Ps. 24:7.—Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors. Prov. 8:34. And the gates shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. Rev. 21:25.—Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right? Gen. 18:25.

The Eastern Cities were generally enclosed by high walls and



at certain parts of this wall there were gates, which were opened in the morning and closed in the evening. In these gates the Kings and Judges sat to hear the causes or complaints of the people, as our judges do in the courts of to-day. See Deut. 16:18, 1 Sam. 8:4, 5.—Far up in the mountains of Japan is a place called Ashinoyu, which consists mainly of one large hotel. When the guests arrive, they are met at the gate and ushered into the hotel. If you are a Foreigner, then you go into the foreign department, and if a Japanese, then into their department. The German Army Officer is near the Japanese entrance. In this life we ought to take all our causes to the gates of the Great Judge of all the earth, and have them settled by and with him. And we should surely open the gates of our hearts to let the King of Glory (Jesus) come in and rule, if there is a desire on our part to enter the gates where there is no more night. Read John 4:1-43, special verse 42.

LITTLE CARES.

Be careful for nothing: but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. Phil. 4:6.—Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee: He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved. Ps. 55:22.—Casting all your care upon him: for He careth for you. 1 Pet. 5:7.

Little cares should be brought to the Lord. Some persons will bring their great cares to Him, but not their little cares. But this is foolish. It is the little cares of life that wear the heart out. One of the most cruel torments of the Inquisition was to place the poor victim beneath a trap, and let the cold water fall upon the head drop by drop. This was not felt at first, but at last the monotony of the water dropping always on one spot became almost unendurable: the agony was too great to be expressed. It is just so with little cares. When they keep constantly falling drop by drop upon one individual they tend to produce irritation, calculated to make life nigh insupportable. To prevent this, then, God would have us take our little trials to Him as well as the great trials, and that, too, because we often bear up more bravely under the greater and faint under the lesser.

 THE JUSTICE OF GOD.

The Lord is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works. Ps. 145:17.—The just Lord is in the midst thereof: he will not do iniquity: every morning does he bring his judgment to light, he faileth not: but the unjust knoweth no shame. Zeph. 3:5. Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end: but establish the just: for the righteous God trieth the hearts and reins. My defence is of God, which saveth the upright in heart. God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day. Ps. 7:9-11.—For the Lord your God is God of gods, and Lord of lords, a great God, a mighty, and terrible which regardeth not persons, nor taketh reward. Deut. 10:17.—Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man (Jesus Christ) whom he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead. Acts 17:31.—In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel. Rom. 2:16.—And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment. Heb. 9:27.—What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid. Rom. 9:14.

THE LIVING WATER.

They shall not hunger nor thirst; neither shall the heat nor sun smite them; for he that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall he guide them. Isa. 49:10.—Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be filled. Matt. 5:6.—Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again. But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water, springing up into everlasting life. The woman saith unto him,



HOT SPRINGS S. D. PEOPLE WAITING TO GET A DRINK.

Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw. Jno. 4:13-15.—Ho, every one that thirsteth, come to the waters, and he that hath no money, come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come buy wine and milk without money and without price. Isa. 55:1.—They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of water. Rev. 7:16,17.

A small stream of water flows out of the rock just back of the stand. It is a mineral water, and is said to be good for the healing of certain diseases. People go there from many parts of the country to drink of this water. But we read that there is an eternal fountain of living water open to all and for all. We need not travel afar to find it, nor pay money to get it. The invitation is sent directly to you. Listen! "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." Rev. 22:17. Jesus, the Lord of heaven, bids you, Come and take of this ever-flowing fountain. It satisfies. Read Rev. 3—, special verse 21.

GOD'S ANSWER TO PRAYER.

Mr. Spurgeon tells of a young woman who was in great concern about her soul. "I placed Christ before her very plainly, but she did not seem to understand the way. One morning she came to me after service. 'Dear sir, will you pray for me?' She was thunderstruck when I said 'No.' 'But, sir, I am anxious to be saved; won't you pray for me?' 'No.' 'O sir, you don't mean it.' 'I do. I have set Jesus Christ before you; if you will not have him, there is no use praying; you will be lost. There is no other way, and I don't want there should be any other way. Will you have Christ, or will you not?' There was a pause; then she said, 'Yes, I will, if I may.' 'May? He has put it, "He that believeth shall be saved, and he that believeth not shall be damned." Surely you may have him, when there is such a dreadful threatening against unbelief.' 'Well, I will.' 'Then let us get down directly and pray now. If you are willing to obey God's command, then we may pray.' We did pray," said Mr. Spurgeon, "and I am sure that young woman has never doubted that she was saved from that hour. If you won't believe in Jesus, all the praying between heaven and earth won't save you. But if you seek him in simple faith, soon shall you say with rejoicing—"I have found him whom my soul loveth, and I will never let him go." "

When Lord Peterborough lodged for a season with Fenelon, Archbishop of Cambray, he was so delighted with his piety and virtue, that he exclaimed at parting, "If I stay here any longer I shall become a Christian in spite of myself!"

Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Matt. 5: 16.

ABUNDANCE.

O generation of vipers (hypocrites); how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. Matt. 12:34.—For by one man's offense death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ. Rom. 5:17.—And he (Jesus) said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness; for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. Luke 12:15.—And the Lord passed by before him (Moses), and proclaimed, Thy Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty. Ex.



34:6, 7.—Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Pet. 1:3.—The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I (Jesus) am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. Jno. 10:10.—Now unto him (God) that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us. Eph. 3:20.

They are loading iron ore at Eveleth, Minn., right from the mine into the car. The brush and many feet of the surface of the earth have been removed, until the body of ore was reached. In most mines it is necessary to pick the ore loose, but here they can scoop it up by the tons. Abundance is the proper word. Would it not be folly for the owners of this mine to use the pick and shovel?

Many people are doing this very thing, when God offers them so much. If we could only get away the brush and surface of sin. Christ came that all might have new life, peace and joy now, and have them more abundantly. Are you living a life of misery and darkness, or are you scooping up some of the wonderful blessings of life—hope, joy, peace and contentment as you go along? Read Romans 3—, special verse 31.

BLIND TO OPPORTUNITIES.

There is a story that Queen Victoria of England, in one of her wanderings among the cottages of the poor, was caught in a shower. Entering the dwelling of an old woman, she said:

“Will you lend me an umbrella?”

“I hae twa unbrellas,” said the old woman; “ane is a guid ane, t’other verra old. You may take this; I guess I’ll never see it again,” and she handed over the old umbrella, which showed its ribs through its coarse, torn cover. The visitor took the umbrella, which was better than nothing, and went forth into the rain. The next day one of Her Majesty’s servants returned the umbrella, and then the cottager knew what she had missed.

“Ay, ay; had I but kenned who it was that asked for the loan, she wad hae been welcome to the best of a’ that I hae in the world,” exclaimed the mortified old woman. She had missed her opportunity; she did not know her visitor.

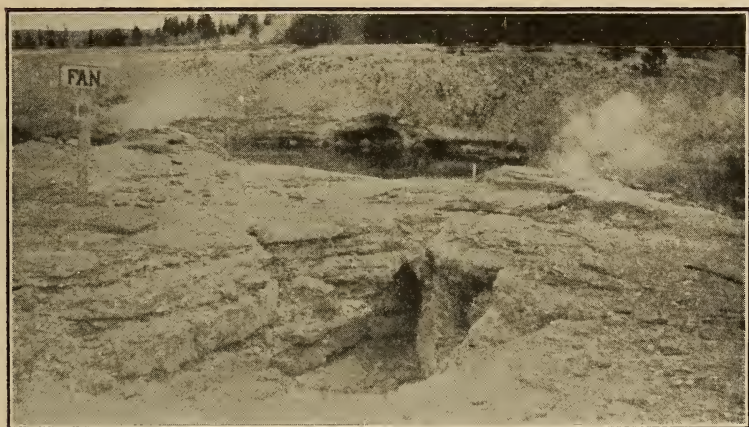
To the woman by Jacob’s well the Saviour said, “If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink, thou wouldest have asked of Him, and He would have given thee living water.” Jno. 4:10.

THE SURE GUIDE.

The late Dr. Andrew A. Bonar related the following incident: “A man once asked me, ‘Is not conscience a safer guide than the Holy Spirit?’ I just took out my watch and said, ‘Is not my watch better than the sun?’ Suppose that I said to you, ‘I will tell you the hour by my watch, and you must always take the time from me.’ That is conscience. It is the sun that is to rule the time. Conscience is fallen and corrupt. If we had an un-fallen conscience, like holy Adam, it would be as if my watch were always to agree with the sun. But now it is a most unsafe guide. Sometimes we hear men say, ‘I don’t see any harm in this practice; my conscience doesn’t condemn it.’ It is not your conscience or your consciousness that is the rule of right and wrong; the law is the standard. By the law is the knowledge of sin; sin is the transgression of the law, not of conscience.”

CAUSE OF FAILURE.

Therefore thus saith the Lord, behold, I will plead thy cause, and take vengeance for thee: and I will dry up her seas (wicked Babylon), and make her springs dry. Jer. 51:36.—Behold, he (God) withholdeth the waters, and they dry up: also he sendeth them out, and they overturn the earth. Job. 12:15.—And Jesus said unto him, no man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God. Luke 9:62.—For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica. 2 Tim. 4:10.—Holding faith, and good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck. 1 Tim. 1:19.—Ye (the Christian) are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be



salted? it is good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot. Matt. 5:13.—I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel. Gal. 1:6.—Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick (Holy Spirit) out of his place, except thou repent. Rev. 2:4, 5.

A failure establishes only this, that our determination to succeed was not strong enough, that is, not having gotten a proper grasp on the thing undertaken. This is true in the spiritual things, as well as the temporal affairs of life. See the terrible failures in the business world, the lives wrecked and ruined. The sad failures many make in the spiritual life. The picture shows two active geysers and one "dead one"—the hole. No doubt, it was at one

time as active, interesting, and beautiful as the rest of them, but something happened to its life. There are many causes for failure in the christian life. Neglecting the prayer season, forgetting the church duties, which God gives one to do; letting the worldly things absorb the moments that ought to be given to things eternal. Grieving the Holy Spirit of God (see Eph. 4:30), he withdraws his presence, and consequently indifference and coldness sets in, and life will dry up as does the grass before the parching sun. As the apostle Paul has said, "One thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before." Phil. 3:13.—If you have tried and lost your grip in some way, then remember that Christ is your Advocate with God. 1 Jno. 2:1.—Take courage and determine to press on, and say with David, "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit." Ps. 51:12. Read 2 Thes. 5—, special verse 21.

UNHEEDED WARNINGS.

A man and his wife, with her brother, were at White River with a sled heavily loaded, the dogs worn with travel and weary almost to death. They were trying to reach Dawson in their search for gold. An experienced traveler told them, "The bottom's likely to drop out of the trail at any moment," and that only fools, with the blind luck of fools, could have come thus far. "All the same," is the reply, "we'll go to Dawson." The traveler watched till they were a quarter of a mile away, crawling along over the ice. Suddenly they saw the back end of the sled drop down, as into a rut, and the gee-pole, with one of the men clinging to it, jerk into the air. The woman's scream came to his ears. He saw the other man turn and make one step to run back, and then a whole section of ice gave way, and dogs and humans disappeared. A yawning hole was all that was to be seen. The bottom had dropped out of the trail.

Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit; there is more hope of a fool than of him. He that, being often reprov'd, hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be cut off. Prov. 29:1.

WORKING AND RUSTING,

Two plow-shares were once made by the same blacksmith, in the same smithy, from the same kind of iron, and both bought by the same farmer. One was used at once, and the other laid by and became rusty. After some time the unused one was brought out, and upon seeing its colleague "all bright" exclaimed, "Oh, what a difference! What makes you so bright? I feel quite ashamed to be seen." It is the use of your life that makes it brighter.

FILLED.

And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the Lord of hosts. Hag. 2:7.—Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Rom. 15:13.—He hath filled the hungry with good things: the rich he hath sent empty away. Luke 1:53.—But Peter said, Ananias, Why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Spirit? Acts 5:3.—And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Acts 2:4.—And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together: and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spake the word of God with boldness. Acts 4:31.—And the disciples were filled with



joy, and with the Holy Spirit. Acts 13:52.—And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house: and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Spirit. Acts 9:17.—And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess: but be filled with the (Holy) Spirit. Eph. 5:18.—For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding. Col. 1:9.

A creek is running by the side of the spring.

A Spanish proverb is, "He that loseth wealth, loseth much: he that loseth friends, loseth more: but he that loseth his spirits, loseth all." This is quite true of the worldly minded people, as well as the professed Christian. The Christian has a power great-

er, however, than his own spirit to depend upon. The Holy Spirit of God must come in and possess the life, or there will be a blank failure. King Saul failed when God removed the Spirit from him, and David gained when he was filled with the Spirit (see 1 Sam. 16:13, 14). Peter failed before he received the Holy Spirit into his life, even denied his Lord, but afterward never. Life is represented in Revelation 3:15, 16 as hot—boiling, cold—icy cold, or lukewarm. In this connection we may learn what this signifies from Cliff Spring in the Yellowstone Park. The water in it is always boiling. It keeps filled, and a regular portion over-flowing the sides, thus warming up everything round about. Saint Paul exhorts us to “Be filled with the Holy Spirit.” He brings new life, new ideals, new sympathy into the life, and the over-flow of these will reach out to some one else. Your life will be warmed-up and blessed, and you will be a blessing to others about you. Read 1 Tim. 4—, special verse 7.

A CAUSE OF TROUBLE.

And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you: and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh. Ezek. 11:19.

Theodore Monod made use of a beautiful illustration one time. He said, “If a piece of iron could speak, what would it say? It would say, ‘I am black, I am cold, I am hard.’ Perfectly true. But put that piece of iron into a furnace and wait awhile, and what would it say? ‘The blackness is gone, and the coldness is gone, and the hardness is gone’—it has passed into a new experience. But if that piece of iron could speak, surely it would not glory in itself, because the fire and the iron are two distinct things that remain distinct to the last. If it could glory it would glory in the fire, and that not of itself, but in the fire that kept in a bright and molten mass. So in myself, I am black, I am cold, and I am hard: but if the Lord takes possession of my soul, if I am filled with love, if His Spirit fills my being, the blackness will go, and yet the glory does not belong to me, but to the Lord who keeps me in a sense of His love.”

HARDENING CONSCIENCE.

The first film of ice is scarcely perceptible. Keep the water stirring and you will prevent the ice from freezing. But once it films over and remain so, it thickens over the surface, and it thickens still. At last it is so solid that a wagon might be drawn over the frozen water. So with our conscience. It films over gradually, and at last it becomes hard, unfeeling; and then it can bear a weight of iniquity.—Bishop Simpson.

THE DEVIL'S SLIDE.

Be sober, be vigilant: because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour. 1 Pet. 5:8.—Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there was no truth in him. Jno. 8:44.—And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simons son, to betray him, (Jesus). Jno. 13:2.—Then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. Luke 8:12.—And no marvel: for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. 2 Cor. 11:14.—If the gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: in whom the god (the devil) of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of



Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. 2 Cor. 4:3, 4.—Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Eph. 6:11, 12.—Lest Satan should get an advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices. 2 Cor. 2:11.

The view shows Cinnabar Mountain north of the Yellowstone Park. The white streak is a wall of reddish rock formation supposed at one time to be Cinnabar. It runs up the mountain about 2000 feet. It looked like the workmanship of a master stone-mason so well laid. Indeed it was laid by the Master of all masters. From some cause it has received the name of "The Devil's Slide." St. Paul tells us that, "Some have already turned aside after the devil." 1 Tim. 5:15.—So I find many people getting into diffi-

culties by wilfully playing around the devil's slide. Many people come to me with the question, "Do you believe in a personal Devil?" There is only one answer. That is "yes." The Devil, Satan, Evil One, Serpent and other names refer to the same person in the Bible. He was the high angel of God. He is a spiritually created Being of vast power. Through his exalted position and his pride he fell into open rebellion against God. Being a Spirit he is unseeable by the human eye. He is called the prince (Eph. 2:1) or god of this world. He is attempting to foil God in his plan with man. Man is his special objective. The demons are the subordinate angels that fell with him. They have a regularly organized system or government in opposition to God over the human beings on this mother earth. Adam and Eve listened to him. Man is by nature sinful. He appears as an angel of light to deceive men into ways of wickedness against God. A man thus deceived is in his power, and does his bidding at every turn. All that the devil desires of man is that he disobey God's laws, thereby dishonoring God. He sets to work in man's heart the enticing and unlawful desires which lead him into doubting God and into sin. Then man loses self-control. The ball keeps on rolling down the mount, adding more sin, and going faster. For this reason God sent Jesus into the world to stop the ball, and bring it back to the top of the mount. To redeem man from sin, and set him aright again. St. John says: "For this purpose the Son of God was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil." Through Jesus Christ man can overcome the power of Satan. In himself he cannot. Satan is the cause of all the sin, sickness and sorrow in the world. What havoc he has played! Every cemetery, every funeral, and every separation by death owes its existence to the devil. He makes preachers in the pulpit preach a "soft" gospel. Never to mention the traitor's name—Judas Iscariot, nor whisper even about the Cross on Calvary, nor the Resurrection. As a transformed angel of light he draws a veil over the gospel just thick enough to hide from man the view of Jesus Christ as a Savior from sin. He is a blind leader of the blind, and he with all his followers will fall into the pit before they are aware of it. St. James gives man the remedy when he says, "Submit yourselves to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Jas. 4:7, 8.—Read Ps. 4.

One life: a little gem of time between two eternities: no second chance to us forevermore.—Thomas Carlyle.

Herein is my father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. John 15: 8.

IDOLS.

I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Ex. 20:2, 3.—And when he (the King) had broken down the altars, and the groves, and had beaten the graven images into powder, and cut down all the idols throughout all the land of Israel, he returned to Jerusalem. 2 Chron. 34:7.—Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands. Ps. 115:4.—Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry. Acts 17:16.—For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve



the living and true God. 1 Thes. 1:9.—Little children, keep yourselves from idols. 1 Jno. 5:21.—Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things. 1 Tim. 6:17.

These are Buddha idols made of bronze. In fact, it is one idol in two positions. They are located just outside of the large temple gate which is shown on another page. The one is praying, and the other giving his blessing. This is the god of most of the Japanese, Chinese, and also the Indian in Southern Asia. It seems to be the way of the natural man to worship something visible. This is why God gave to us the Second Commandment. Ex. 20:1-4.—However, there are many kinds of idols in this world besides those of bronze. Whatever we put between God and us on which the heart becomes fastened, is an idol worshipped, and is a sin. It may be our money, property, intellectual gifts, our manner of dress, the

display of jewelry on our person, the deck of cards, the Sunday morning newspaper, etc. St. Paul says, Even covetousness is idolatry. Col. 3:5.—In fact, anything which provokes pride in the heart, or comes between us and the worship of God. When the worshippers of the bronze idols receive Jesus Christ for their Savior and Lord they put away their idols. Have you put yours away? You know what they are better than anybody else.

“The dearest idol I have known,
Whate’er that idol be,
Help me to tear it from thy throne,
And worship only thee”?

Read Eph. 4—, special verse 32.

TIME TO THINK.

An old man lay on his death-bed, and beside him was his son, a worldly-minded youth. The father, who had long yearned for the conversion of his boy, now asked him to grant a favor ere he died: and the dying request could not be refused. “Promise me,” said the father, “that for six months after my death you will retire to my room for a half-hour every day and THINK. “About what?” said the son. “That I leave to yourself,” answered the father, and soon died. The youth kept his promise, and for some time had no difficulty in passing the half-hour. But soon the thought of eternity, and the condition of his soul, came up before his mind. His father had taken care that the lad should have time to THINK: and ere long the half-hour had lengthened into hours, as he sat thinking on his eternal well-being. Thus he was led to the Bible, and led to believe on Jesus and was saved. Could you bear to be alone for half an hour, pondering the great question, “Where will I spend ETERNITY?”

WINDOWS IN THE FACE.

Is it not true that there are windows in our faces? Once an Afghan passed a single hour in the presence of the saintly Dr. William Marsh, of England. It was only a few short minutes, and yet, when in after days the poor heathen learned that the good doctor was dead he cried passionately: “His religion shall now be my religion; his God shall be my God! I must go where he is and see his face again!” So the Christlike character revealed in the face had determined one who had formerly been a heathen to become a Christian.

IMPROVE THE TIME.

And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you. 1 Thes. 4:11. But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them. 2 Tim. 3:14. A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels. Prov. 1:5. —As for these four children, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom: and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams. Dan. 1:17.—For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. Rom. 15:4.—Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 2 Tim. 2:15.



A Japanese sewing class in a mission school in Hakodate, Japan. The teacher is at the right, and the fire-box or stove in front. These girls were once pagans, but now Christ's love reigns in their hearts. They are bright students and are willing workers. They study that their lives may be useful and fruitful, both in the spiritual and the secular things. God says to us, "Redeem the time." Eph. 5:16. As every thread of gold is valuable, so is every moment of time.

"Spend your time in nothing which you know must be repented of; in nothing on which you might not pray for the blessing of God; in nothing which you could not review with a quiet conscience on your dying bed; in nothing which you might not safely and properly be found doing if death should surprise you in the act."—*Baxter*.

The devil says, "Pass the time." God says, "Redeem the time." Read Ruth 1—, special verse 16.

SECRET THINGS.

The secret things belong unto the Lord our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of his law. Deut. 29:29.—Hast thou heard the secret of God? and dost thou restrain wisdom to thyself? Job 15:8.—For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil. Eccles. 12:14.—Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults. Ps. 19:12.—Shall not God search this out? for he knoweth the secrets of the heart. Ps. 44:21.



The building stands in one of the temple courts in Tokio, Japan. I could get no clue to its real meaning for the position it held. Failing to find out its purpose, I set it down as one of the hidden things to me. God has revealed some things to us and for us in this life, but there are many others that man will not be able to fathom here on earth. He withholds them for our good, and his glory. Should we not use those that he has given to us before trying to pry into other mysteries? Then, too, there may be our secret sins that may be hidden from man, but do you know that God will search them out? It might be well also to keep our own secrets, (if we should have any), boxed up a little more than we do, for our own benefit as well as for others. Franklin says, "Three may keep a secret, if two of them are dead." Read Joshua 1—, special verse 5.

A CAVE.

For as he (man) thinketh in his heart so is he. Prov. 23:7. The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? Jer. 17:9.—Shall not God search this out? for he knoweth the secrets of the heart. Ps. 44:21.—But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Rom. 6:17. For we commend not ourselves, again unto you, but give you occasion to glory on our behalf, that ye may have somewhat to answer them which glory in appearance, and not in heart. 2 Cor. 5:12.—Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Matt. 5:8.—But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither



have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. 1 Cor. 2:9.—Search me, O God, and know my heart. Ps. 139:23.—Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Ps. 51:10.—The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit. Ps. 34:18.

The small round black spot in the ground is the original opening to the now famous "Wind Cave," Hot Springs, S. D. It was discovered in 1881 by a cowboy riding down the gulch after a deer. He heard a strange noise, it is said, and went to examine it. When he attempted to look into the mysterious hole, the out-coming current blew his hat high into the air. Informing his companions, the next day they went with him to see it also, doubting his fairy tale. Nearing it again with his hat in his hand, said, "watch it carry my hat into the air," but the opposite happened. This time

it drew his hat down into its dark and still deeper mysterious being. At times the air current is entering, and at other periods it is going out, depending on the condition of the atmosphere. At the present time ninety seven miles have been explored, and no telling how many more there may be. It has three thousand rooms. The largest covers three acres. It is composed of eight stories, that is, one tier of rooms over each other like a house. Every room is peculiarly different from the others. Some colored red, white and others blue. It is intensely dark. When the guide would light-up the different rooms with his magnesium tapers, it would drive away that terrible feeling that seemed to creep over and around you in the thick darkness. You could then see all the beautiful scenes about you and enjoy them immensely. The heart is just like that Cave. It will deceive one in so many ways. It has many rooms also, which are filled with the dark things of life. See Gal. 5:19.—It needs a guide who can throw on the light to drive out the darkness, so the beautiful may be seen. Jesus is the safe guide and he must throw on the light—the light of eternal life. Saint Paul tells us, That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. Rom. 10:9.—It is not head belief, but a heart belief. True belief must go deep enough to touch the heart. Saved from darkness and despair for eternity. Let Jesus come into your heart. Read Acts 8:9-24, special verse 23.

RESULT OF A KIND ACT.

Samuel F. Jones, a prominent mission worker of Boston, says: "Do you know that little things oftentimes result in a great deal of good? One day a man, dead drunk, was lying in a gutter in my native town, and a well-known lady of the city, as she passed along on the sidewalk, seeing his face upturned to the blazing rays of the noonday sun, took out her lace handkerchief and spread it over his face. She did it for Jesus' sake. And when that man came to his senses and found who that lady was, it resulted in that man's conversion to God."

FOR WHOM INTENDED.

(Andrew Fuller once asked an old friend for money for foreign missions. The friend said: "I will give you five pounds, Andrew, seeing it is you." Fuller handed it back. "I will take nothing," he said, "seeing it is I." The man saw the point, and replied: "Andrew, you are right. Here are ten pounds, seeing it is for the Lord Jesus!")

FISHERS.

Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith the Lord, and they shall fish for them. Jer. 16:16.—The fishers also shall mourn, and all that cast angle into the brooks shall lament, and they that spread nets upon the waters shall languish. Isa. 19:8.—Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto him, We also go with thee. They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately; and that night they caught nothing. But when the morning was now come Jesus stood on the shore: but the disciples knew not that it was Jesus. Then Jesus saith unto them, Children, have ye any meat? They answered him, No. And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the mul-



titude of fishes. Jno. 21:3-6.—And Jesus walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. Matt. 4:18, 19.

It is said that about one third of the Japanese make a living by fishing. Here we see a fishing boat leaving the canal at Yokohama. Note the way they row the boat. When they reach the open sea the sail is raised. Sometimes they return with the boat laden with fish, and at other times they are not so successful. Jesus said "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." Every Christian (not the preacher only) should be a fisherman for lost souls of their fellow men. Do you do your part of this important work? There are your relatives, friends and companions. The disciples were obedient to the command of Christ. Blessings

will only come by so doing. You may not be very successful at first, but cast your net on the right side. Show them Christ's love, his warnings, his eternity. That is your part. The Apostle says, Let him know, that he which converteth a sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death. Jas. 5:20. Read Daniel 12—, special verse, 3.

TWO KINDS OF LIVING.

We have heard of a business firm composed of a member of the church and a man who was notoriously profane. One day the pastor was in the store; the profane man was indulging in his profanity. The minister spoke to him about it. The man replied, "I am the swearing member of the firm, and my partner is the praying member. He lives according to his praying and I live according to my swearing. I would give worlds to be like him, but he would not be like me for worlds."

What a striking testimony that was! "He lives according to his praying!" How vastly different it would have been if he had said, "I don't mean anything by my swearing, and he don't mean anything by his praying!" "Let your light so shine before men that they * * * glorify your Father which is in Heaven."

WOMAN'S WORK FOR CHRIST.

Here is a practical gem from Dr. Torrey. He said: "Some years ago a woman who had a family of young children had been reading the life of Frances Willard, and was greatly stirred by reading that life. She came to me one day, and said, 'I wish I could do something for Christ.' I said, 'You can.' 'No,' she said, 'I can't; my duty is with my family.' I replied, 'Of course it is, but you can do something for Christ; you can bring your children to him; you can bring your servants to Christ; you can bring the shop-keepers you deal with to Christ.'

"And I watched that woman. Every child in her family was converted in early childhood; one of them is now studying for the ministry, two of them expect to go as foreign missionaries, one of them was called to the other world at nine years of age. The morning the little child of nine died she was told that a nurse was coming to nurse her, and she said to her mother, 'I wonder if the nurse is a Christian; if she isn't we must lead her to Christ.' Every servant that came into that home was spoken to about her soul; when the butcher came with the meat he was spoken to about his soul; whenever she went shopping to buy cloth, or a bonnet, or anything else, the clerks with whom she dealt were spoken to about their souls."

PRECIOUS.

And of Joseph he said, Blessed of the Lord be his land, for the precious *things* of heaven, for the dew, and for the deep that coucheth beneath, and for the chief things of the ancient mountains and for the precious *fruits* brought forth by the sun, and for the precious things put forth of the moon, and for the chief things of the ancient mountains, and for the precious things of the hills. Deut. 33:13-15.—Happy is the man that getteth *understanding*. For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold. She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her. Prov. 3:13-15.—Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious *promises*: that by these ye might be partakers



of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. 2 Pet. 1:4.—For the *redemption* of their soul is precious. Ps. 49:8.—How precious also are thy *thoughts* unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them. Ps. 139:17.—For as much as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, but with the precious *blood of Christ* as a lamb without blemish and without spot. 1 Pet. 1:18, 19.

The iron ore pit at Eveleth, Minn., is possibly three-fourths of a mile in circumference. From the top of the surface to the little train is about seventy feet. It is a valuable spot. The deposit of ore is about ninety feet deep. The top layer of earth has been removed. The little train is running on the top of the ore bed. Tunnels are worked underneath the ore bed, and then vertical shafts are made and the miners dig the ore from the top into the shafts

and the ore falls into little tram cars below, and from thence it is hauled to the elevator. Wonderfully precious in dollars and cents is this place. But God has still more precious things for man. Do you really realize the value of them? See above. Read 1 John 1—, special verse 7.

HE KNOWS.

Dr. Louis Albert Banks relates this interesting incident which teaches what the world needs. There was a woman whose little child very suddenly died in her arms. It was her only child, and the very idol of her heart. She was stunned by her grief. She could not even cry. The fountain of tears seemed to have frozen. She would not let anybody take the body of her child. Her husband lovingly tried to comfort her, and sought to persuade her to give the child to him, but she would not. For hours she held the little boy close to her breast, her face full of untold agony. At last the husband thought of a neighbor down the street who had lost a little child not long before, about the same age as their little one. He went to her and told her of the awful sorrow that had come to their home and the sad condition of his wife, and begged her to come to see if she would know how to comfort her. The woman came and quietly went in, and without a word sat down beside the poor grief-dazed mother, put her arm around her, her own tears rolling down over her cheeks, and kissed her, and simply said, "I know all about it, dear." The refreshing tears came to her eyes: her frozen heart melted in her bosom, and she held the body of the child out to her neighbor, and said, "I can give it to you. I could not give it to anyone else, for they did not know." When we are tried and need comfort there is always one to whom we may go for sympathy. Jesus is the one. He knows and understands. He was tempted and tried as we are. Heb. 4:15.

HIS TREASURE.

"I was much struck," says a distinguished divine, in reading about a certain nobleman who died lately. He had an iron safe or chest all locked up, but marked: "To be removed first in case of fire." After he died his friends opened the chest, supposing, of course, that some valuable documents or deeds of property, rich jewelry or costly plate, would be found, but what was their astonishment when they found nothing but the toys of his little child, who had gone before him. Richer to him were they than all the world's wealth: richer than his coronet, brighter than all the jewels that sparkled on its crest. Not his estate, not his jewels, not his equipage, nothing glorious and great in this world, but the dearest objects to him were the toys of his little child."

A LITTLE MOUND.

For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Rom. 3:23.—The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, neither the children be put to death for the fathers: every man shall be put to death for his own sin. Deut. 24:16.—What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but for the law:: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet. Rom. 7:7.—Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. 1 Jno. 3:4.—(See what the law is in Exodus, Chap. 20, Gal. 5:10-21). For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all. Jas 2:10.—For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Rom. 6:23.—For when ye were the servants of sin, ye



Watching a Parade.

were free from righteousness. Rom. 6:20.—For exhort one another daily, while it is called To-day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. Heb. 3:13.—Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us. Heb. 12:1.

S-I-N is quite an insignificant word, as far as its size is concerned, but its power over man is terrible, and its consequence will be dreadful. Sin is any disobedience to God's law. (See what law is in Ex. 20 and Gal. 5:19-21.) It shuts the soul out of heaven, and away from God. The pile of dirt is in the main plaza at

the St. Louis Fair. At certain places it would hide from one's sight the most beautiful views in the fair—particularly the artificial lake and festival hall. Sin is just a little mound on the life, or possibly there are many of them, and they are hiding from you the vision of the blessed Redeemer, and causes many blessings to be withheld which God is waiting to give you, even now. Read Daniel 6—, special verse 27.

THE MATERIAL AND THE SPIRITUAL.

Things material are abundant. Our mills and factories are numerous, large, and prosperous, but things material, including money itself, should only be the foundation upon which are reared things material. Our mines of coal and iron have not completed their mission when transmuted into dollars. Not till the dollars are transmuted into service for others has wealth completely justified its existence. Dollars are only dross until spiritualized, a means to an end, and miserable is the man, mean and squalid his life, who knows no better than to deaden his soul by mere possession, using his faculties in old age in augmenting the useless stuff which ministers not to any taste worthy of man.

Little does and little can the speculator on the exchange or the mere dollar grabber in any line of activity know of the higher pleasures of human existence. Only when a man labors for the general good and for other than general aims that end with self can he know and enjoy the high spiritual rewards of life.—*Andrew Carnegie*.

A CROOKED RULER.

Wherewith shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word. Ps. 119:9.

"The Bible is so strict and old-fashioned," said a young man to a grey-haired friend who was advising to study God's word if he would learn how to live. There are plenty of good books written now-a-days, that are moral enough in their teaching, and do not bind one down as the Bible." The old merchant turned to his desk and took out two rulers, one of which was slightly bent. With each of these he ruled a line, and silently handed the ruled paper to his companion. "Well," said the young man, "what do you mean?" "One line is not straight and true, is it?" When you mark out your path in life do not take a crooked ruler!

Cyrus, the conqueror of Babylon, of whom we read in the Bible, was once asked what was the first thing he learned. "To tell the truth," he replied.

REMOVED.

The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world. Jno. 1:29.—I (David) acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Ps. 32:5.—It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the evil which I purpose to do unto them; that they return every man from his evil way; that I (God) forgive their iniquity and their sin. Jer. 36:3.—And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the Lord. And Nathan said unto David, The Lord also hath put away thy sin: thou shalt not die. 2 Sam. 12:13.—And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged. Isa. 6:7.—And they shall



teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother saying, Know the Lord: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember them no more. Jer. 31:34.—He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us. Ps. 103:10-12.—But if we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. 1 Jno. 1:7.

You see the same place as in the former lesson about a week later. It was quite an unbecoming and uninviting spot then, because of the pile of dirt, but now it has been removed. The character of the place has been changed. So sin on the life separates us from God, and must be removed. St. Paul says, "In whom (Jesus) we have redemption through his blood, even the forgive-

ness of our sins. Col. 1:14.—When God forgives us, he puts away the sin forever. Read Ex. 3:11, 12, 13 and 4:1, 10 Excuses.

PECULIAR PEOPLE.

Now therefore, if you will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people; for all the earth is mine. Ex. 19:5.—For thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God, and the Lord hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto himself, above all the nations that are upon the earth. Deut. 14:2.—But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people: that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. 1 Pet. 2:9.—Who gave himself for us, that

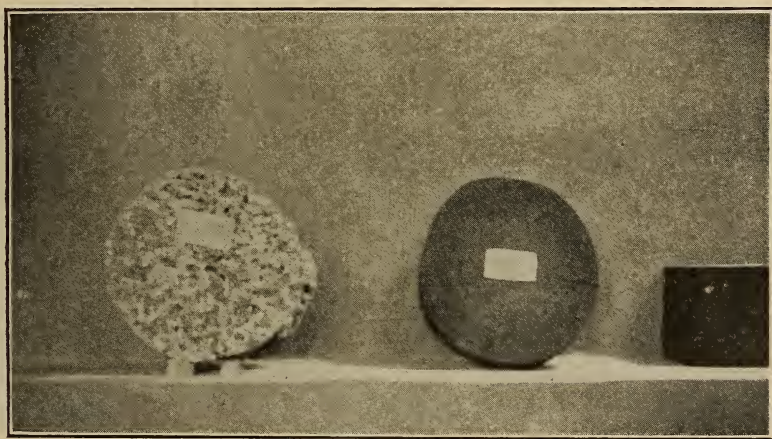


he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. Titus 2:14.—But know that the Lord hath set apart him that is godly for himself: the Lord will hear when I call unto him. Ps. 4:3.

The building of the State of Washington at the St. Louis Fair is a peculiar design. Each upright post is made of one tree and is over one hundred feet long, and two feet square at either end. The posts are set into the ground on a good foundation, and then centering at the top. The Redeemed of this world are called a peculiar people and are scattered all over this wide world. They belong to God, and have their hearts centered on the Christ, the Son of God. They are a peculiar people unto God for they follow him, trust in him, love him, and work for him. The worldly people have all their affections centered on themselves and the things of this world. Read John 3:14-36, special verse 16.

PRESERVATION.

Preserve me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust. Ps. 16: 1. Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O Lord: let thy loving kindness and thy truth continually preserve me. Ps. 40:11.—Preserve my soul; for I am holy: O thou my God, save thy servant that trusteth in thee. Ps. 86:2.—Jude the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God and Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, Jude 1. The Lord preserveth all them that love him; but all the wicked will he destroy. Ps. 145:20.—For he (the Lord) shall give his angels charge over thee to keep thee in all thy ways. Ps. 91:11.—And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Thes. 5:23.—I pray not that



thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from evil. Jno. 17:15.—Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy. Jude 24.

This is such an important lesson for all Christians, and especially for converts. The two blocks of wood were on exhibit at the St. Louis Fair. Both were the same kind of wood used for piling for a railroad bridge. The first looks like a sponge. It was used only one year, and the apparent decay is merely worm eaten. In its natural state it could not withstand the attacks of the teredo. The other was chemically treated for preservation and was used twenty years, and still is solid. Many people say they would be Christians, if they thought they could hold out. No Christian is able to keep himself, but the Lord Jesus is. He has the power to preserve you and keep you from falling. The only

question is, Will you let Him do it? Read 2 Tim. 1—, special verse 6.

BY FAITH.

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Heb. 11:1.—Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Rom. 5:1.—But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for the just shall live by faith. Gal. 3:11.—I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loveth me, and gave himself for me. Gal. 2:20.—For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.



Gal. 3:26.—For we walk by faith, not by sight. 2 Cor. 5:7.

Here in Spearfish Canon is a short space of straight track of railroad going over the Black Hills. The descent is about 1500 feet, and the train zigzags back and forth on the mountain sides full seven miles to get down to this point. Scenery! It is everywhere. The rest of the way was just up and down, and right and left until the head would fairly swim with dizziness. I said to myself several times during the trip that this was surely "riding by faith." It is really true of the Christian. He is justified by faith. He becomes the true child of God by faith. He walks by faith. He lives by faith in Christ Jesus. Have we gotten hold of these great truths in our own personal experience? Faith is believing. It is not seeing. To believe is to be strong. Belief is power. He who doubts is weak. Jeremy Taylor says that, "Faith is the root of all blessings. Believe, and you shall be saved; be-

lieve, and you must needs be satisfied; believe, and you cannot but be comforted and happy." Read John 21—, special verse 17.

LABOR.

In the sweat of thy face thou shalt eat bread, till thou return unto the ground. Gen. 3:19.—Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work. Ex. 20:9. Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labor. 1 Cor. 3:8.—The sleep of a laboring man is sweet, whether he eat little or much: but the abundance of the rich will not suffer him to sleep. Eccle. 5:12.—And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give: for the laborer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house. Luke 10:



7.—And, the laborer is worthy of his reward. 1 Tim. 5:18.—Labor not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you. Jno. 6:27.—For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. Let us labor therefore, to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief. Heb. 4:10, 11.

This man is laboring up in the Minnesota Pineland, miles from anywhere. The trees are felled during the summer and winter seasons; but they are usually hauled in this fashion in the winter time over icy roads to the temporary railway station to be loaded on the cars, which carry them to the saw mill. He has 5,000 feet of pine on the sleigh and could haul much more. In this manner he gains his daily bread. Someone has said, "The fruit derived from labor is the sweetest of all pleasures." In this world it is

necessary to labor. It is God's plan; some with the brain and muscle, and others with the muscle and brain. Abraham Lincoln remarks that "God must have loved the poor because he made so many of them." The Almighty surely has placed his loving seal upon the laborer. Adam was a gardener. Noah was a carpenter. Abraham, Jacob and David were shepherds. Amos was a farmer. Elisha was found at the plow handle. Peter was a fisherman. Even Jesus ennobled it by being a carpenter with his father. The wilfully idle one is always a tool for Satan to use in his business. Six days are sufficient for human nature; besides, it is God's law. He who disrespects this plan will lose, in some way, manifold more than he gains. 1. Labor for the earthly bread. 2. Labor for the spiritual bread. 3. Labor to enter into the eternal rest. He who labors for these three things is a fully rounded-out man. He who has only the first one in view has hardly begun to live rightly. That is, he is only getting one-third out of life. He will have labored almost in vain, for he has lost two-thirds of what God intended him to have.

"Work, for the night is coming,
Work through the sunny noon;
Fill brightest hours with labor,
Rest comes sure and soon,
Give every flying minute,
Something to keep in store;
Work, for the night is coming,
When man works no more.

Read 1 Cor. 13—, special verse 12.

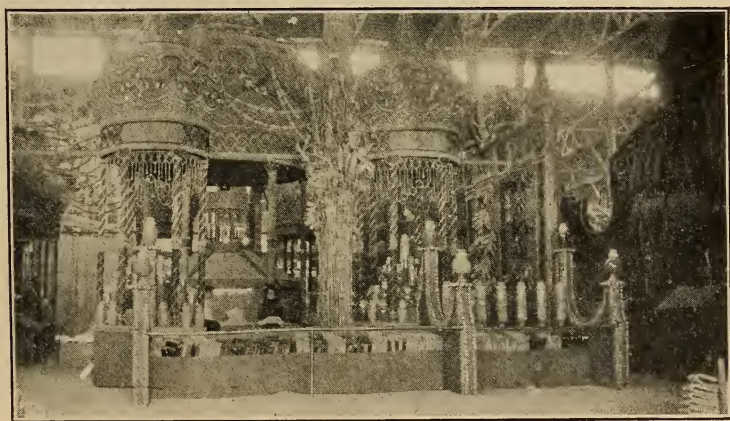
A NEGLECTED DUTY.

Dwight L. Moody has told the story of a boat that had been away three years on a whaling voyage. On board was the son of the lighthouse keeper at the port of sailing. Every night the father carefully kept his lamp and waited anxiously for the return of his boy. One night in a gale the wind blew it out, and he neglected to relight it. It was on that night that the whaler returned. Those on the lookout peered for a light to guide them into the harbor, but none was visible. The vessel dashed upon the rocks and the entire crew was drowned. Next morning when the father went out to examine the shore for wreckage and anything that might have survived the storm, he saw his son's body stretched out lifeless on the sand.

One neglected duty had been responsible for this disaster, and by this careless act he had lost his only son. Many a father has by his neglect and immoral example wrecked the soul of his boy.

GIFTS.

From God.—Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. Jas. 1:17. *The spiritual gifts.*—1. A Savior.—For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. Jno. 3:16. The Holy Spirit.—If ye then being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him. Luke 11:13.—3. Grace.—But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. Jas. 4:6.—4. Faith.—For by grace are ye saved through faith: and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God. Eph. 2:8.—*The Temporal Gifts.*—Therefore I say unto you. Take no thought for your life,



what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink: nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment. Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns: yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they. Matt. 6:25, 26.—While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease. Gen. 8:22.—*The gifts to God.*—I Beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. Rom. 12:1.—Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him. 1 Cor. 16:2.—But to do good and communicate forget not: for with such sacri-

fices God is well pleased. (Heb. 13:16.—Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. 2 Cor. 9:7.—Give, and it shall be given unto you: good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give unto your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again. Luke 6:38.

The Agricultural Building at St. Louis Fair covered twenty-two acres. Nearly all the states were represented, by bringing in their finest products to exhibit. This is the Virginia booth, so beautifully and artistically decorated with their choicest fruits and grains. They were the temporal gifts from God for man's welfare, but the soul of man needs the spiritual gifts also. The greatest gift to man is God's divine favor in giving Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Then he demands very naturally gifts in return from his chosen ones. The main question is, Am I receiving his gifts—blessings—daily in my life? If so, then it will be one of the first thoughts of my life to bring him my gifts for his use. The liberal soul shall be blessed. The good tree gives forth its fruit. The front half of the Gospel ship is salvation, and the rear half is the giving of ourselves, time, and money for God's purpose. To be in harmony, the whole ship must be propelled by the power of love. We love him, because he first loved us, says Jno. 4:19.

NO TIME.

A Christian man who was riding on the outside of a London omnibus got into a conversation with the driver, and after a time asked him:

"Do you love Jesus Christ?"

With a startled look he replied, "No, sir; I've no time to think of such things."

"Are you married?" was the next question.

"Yes, sir."

"How many hours in the day do you work?"

"Sixteen, sir."

"Then I am sorry for your wife."

"Why are you sorry?"

"Because you have no time to love her."

"Love her!" said the driver. "Why, I loves her every yard I drives!"

The life that is love-controlled carries love into all its activities.

THE CHILDREN.

Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Matt. 18:2, 3.—So they brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the Kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the Kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them. Mark 10:13-16.—The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul. Ps. 19:7.



Herein is the kernal to the Christian life. tWhat does it mean, to become like a child? How can we obtain such a life as a little child represents? It is that which secures to one the right kind of pleasures, profits and blessings in this present life, and eternal life with all of its accompanying happiness in the life to come. Every person growing up to manhood or womanhood is naturally inclined to become indifferent, cold, possibly hard-hearted, and even self-willed and rebellious through the many trials, and temptations of life. This is effected by the deceptive work of sin, or the Evil One upon the life. This is the very cause that brought Jesus from heaven to do, or rather to undo. He taught the rich and learned Nicodemus how—the secret—of it when he said to him, Ye must be born from above. Jno. 3:3-5.—That is renewed or made over in the spiritual sense. The experience of the poor woman of Samaria was similar. See St. John fourth chapter.

Jesus said he had the power of changing a person's life. She needed a changed heart. He could make her life like a well springing up into everlasting life. This change brings real joy, happiness and comfort to the heart at once. God tells very clearly how this change is to come to us personally. Listen! "A new heart also will I give you, and new spirit will I put within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you." Ezek. 36:26, 27. —God will do all this for you in Jesus' name. He will take away the sinful things of the heart, and will give you a cleansed and spiritual one. This will bring into your life the precious characteristics—the RUBIES and DIAMONDS—of a child heart and life, which are: 1. Teachable. 2. Confidence in God as a Father. 3. Dependence on God as a Father. 4. Loving obedience to God. Just a little confidential talk with Jesus like Nicodemus had will bring the change. It is the only solution for a happy and contented life, and eternal life. Read Romans 8:14-39, special verse 27.

"O for a glance of heavenly day,
To take this stubborn heart away,
And thaw, with beams of love divine,
This heart, this frozen heart of mine!
But power divine can do the deed;
And Lord, that power I greatly need:
Thy Spirit can from dross refine,
And melt and change this heart of mine!"

NOT AFRAID.

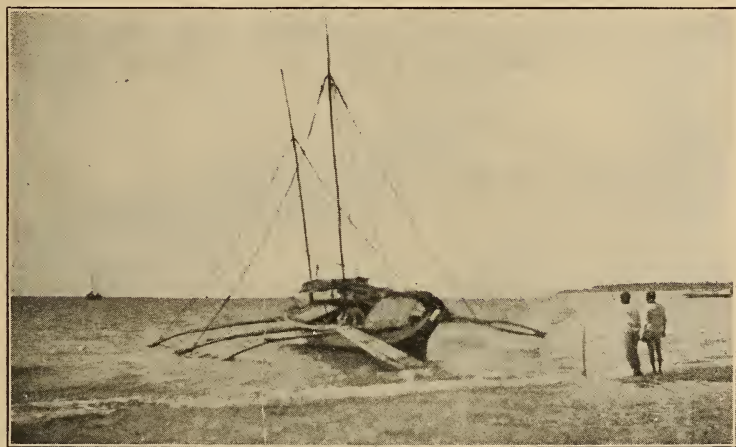
And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder. 2 Kings 2:11.

Two little boys were talking together about Elijah's going to heaven in a chariot of fire. "I say, Charlie," said George, "but would you not be afraid to ride on such a chariot?" "Why, no: I shouldn't be afraid if I knew that the Lord was driving." That was what David felt in his life when he said, "What time I am afraid, I will trust in Thee. In God I will praise His word, in God I will have put my trust: I will not fear what flesh can do unto me. Ps. 56: 3, 4.

We live in deeds, not years: in thoughts, not breaths: in feelings, not figures on a dial. We should count time by heart throbs. He lives most, who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best—Bailey.

FOR BLESSINGS.

Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field. Deut. 28:3.—Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. And Simon answering said unto him, Master we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net. And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake. And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord. Luke 5:4-8.—Now it came to pass on a



certain day, that he went into a ship with his disciples: and he said unto them, Let us go unto the other side of the Lake. And they launched forth. Luke 8:22.—And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full. And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master carest thou not that we perish? And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. Mark 4:37-39.

Who does not desire God's blessings? The rain comes upon all, and the sun shines over all in common, but there are many blessings besides these that should be sought after. Seek and ye shall find is the scripture injunction. The writer was at San Fernando, Northern Luzon, P. I. Going from there to the mountains of Benguet Province to regain impaired health. On returning to the

coast we found that the steamship had sailed and there was no way to get back home. With my two companions, we hired this little boat. It was a hazardous voyage in the open sea, riding the boisterous waves. But blessings will not come to one, unless he "Launches out into the deep." Have you done so in your Christian experience?

"But many, alas! only stand on the shore,
And gaze on the ocean so wide:
They never have ventured its depths to explore,
Or to launch on the fathomless tide.
Oh, let us launch out on this ocean so broad,
Where the floods of salvation o'erflow:
Oh, let us be lost in the mercy of God,
Till the depths of His fulness we know.

Storms may rise and threaten destruction, but Jesus can speak
"Peace be still." Read Matt. 13.

GIVE LIMPY A CHANCE.

Here, boy, let me have a paper."

"Can't."

"Why not? I heard you crying them loud enough to be heard at the city hall."

"Yes, but that was down t'other block, ye know, where I hollered."

"What does that matter? Come, now, no fooling. I'm in a hurry."

"Couldn't sell you a paper on this here block, mister, 'cause it b'longs to Limpy. He's just up at the furdest end now. You'll meet him .

"And who is Limpy? And why does he have this block?"

"Cos us other kids agreed to let him have it. Ye see, it's a good run, 'count of the offices all along, and the poor chap is that lame he can't git around lively like the rest of us, so we agreed that the first one caught sellin' on his beat should be thrashed. See?"

"Yes, I see. You have a sort of brotherhood among yourselves?"

"Well, we're goin' to look out for a little cove that's lame, anyhow."

"There comes Limpy now. He's a fortunate boy to have such friends.

The gentleman bought two papers of him, and went on his way downtown, wondering how many men in business would refuse to sell their wares in order to give a weak, halting brother a chance in the field.

THE WAY OF THE WORLD.

The way of the Lord is strength to the upright: but destruction shall be to the workers of iniquity. Prov. 10:29.—When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind: when distress and anguish cometh upon you. Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer: they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: for that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the Lord. Prov. 1:27-29.—Hell and destruction are before the Lord: how much more then the hearts of the children of men? Prov. 15:11.—But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. 2 Pet. 2:1.—For when they shall say, Peace



and safety: then sudden destruction cometh upon them (the wicked) as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. 1 Thes. 5:3, 4.—And to you that are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in a flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of His power. 2 Thes. 1:7,9.

The beautiful flowers spring forth in the morning and may be gone before night. The sweet perfumed blossoms come out at mid-day, and the storm sweeps over them, and they are no more. The corn may be almost ready to send out its tassels, but the little hail-stones will cut it to the ground. Even man is like the grass of the field, which glories in the morning, but is withered before the Sun hides himself beyond the evening horizon.

(Ps. 90:5, 6). The tornado will wipe out of existence a city in a few moments time. The earthquake will lay the strongest buildings to the ground, and fire will destroy to ashes whatever may be in its way. When people conjure up their feelings to believe that they have peace and safety in this life, as well as the future, without the Redemption of Jesus, and obey not His Gospel, then is just when they are sorely deceiving themselves. Roaring Mountain is in the Yellowstone Park. It is a large mountain, and seems to be all afire underneath and is very likely only a crust. At times the noise of the steam emitting from it may be heard at a great distance, therefore the name. You remember how God sent the water in former days to destroy the wicked. He will banish all sinners and sin sometime. He works through many agencies to bring to pass His will. The things of this present world cannot be depended upon and are in a great measure quite deceiving. Read 2 Tim. 3—, special verse 5.

THE WHY OF THE LIGHTNING BOLT.

A congregation in a hilly district in Ohio bought a small tract of land and erected a church building upon it. Then the question of insurance came up. Mr. S——, the wealthiest member, who had contributed more than half the money needed for the new structure, declared that he did not believe in insurance. "This is the Lord's building. He'll take care of it," he said.

His view prevailed, and there was no insurance. In a few weeks the building was struck by lightning and almost totally consumed by fire. Another one was erected. Mr. S—— contributing the greater portion of the fund as before. This time the demand was almost unanimous that it be insured, but Mr. S—— again objected on the same ground. "If it burns down again, brethren," he said, "I'll rebuild it myself."

Again he carried his point. In less than a month the new church was struck by lightning again, and although strenuous efforts were made to save it, the loss was almost total.

"There must be some reason for this, brethren," said Brother S——. "I'm going to find out what it is."

Thereupon he engaged a force of men to sink a shaft on the site of the twice-destroyed church. Within a few days a rich vein of iron was found, and the church property was sold for many times the amount needed to buy land in another locality and build again.

"I tell you, brethren," said Brother S——, "it pays to trust the Lord. He's a great deal better business manager than anybody in this congregation."

THE KINGDOMS.

She (the eagle) dwelleth and abideth on the rock, upon the crag of the rock and the strong place. Job. 39:28.—Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. Col. 3:2.—John came, saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Matt. 3:2.—Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world. Jno. 18:36.—For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. Rom. 14:17.—And he (the thief) said to Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. Luke 23:42.—But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. Isa. 40:31.—That ye walk



worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory. 1 Thess. 2:12.—And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom. 2 Tim. 4:18.

We have here a large mountain in the Yellowstone Park. You will observe the tall round stone pinnacle or point standing at the lower part of it. It is many feet high. On the top of it the eagle has builded her nest. The point is just large enough for her little living place—her home. She lives away from all the disturbing things of the world below. She is in her kingdom. She has done wisely. We will now look at man's kingdoms. The first is the Christian Dispensation or Gospel kingdom on earth. That is the time from the birth of Jesus until he comes again to reign on earth. The second is the Spiritual (kingdom) life after one's conversion or the renewing of the life from sin through the receiving of the Gospel of Christ in the heart. As Jesus said the kingdom of God

is within you (the Christian). Luke 17:20, 21. It is that inward experience of a real change out of the burdened, guilty and sinful life to that of freedom in a new life which gives us joy, peace and happiness. Mr. Bliss, the famous singer, once said to a friend, "I tell you, the kingdom of heaven is within, and let's you and I get as much of it packed up as possible before we take our long journey." It is like the eagle—placing the life in a kingdom above the disturbing elements in the world, while yet living in the world.

"O for a heart of calm repose
Amid the world's loud roar;
A life that like a river flows
Along a peaceful shore.

Above these scenes of storm and strife
There spreads a region fair;
Give me to live that higher life
And breathe that heavenly air."

The third is the kingdom of heaven itself. The unchristian man has no part in the last two kingdoms. He will surely miss the better part of life. Read Acts 9:32-43—, special verse 42.

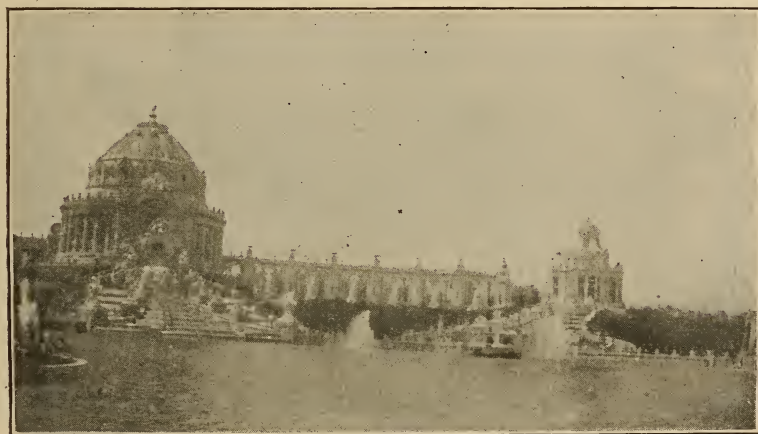
THANKFULNESS.

And now, behold, I have brought the first fruits of the land, which thou, O Lord, hast given me. And thou shalt set it before the Lord thy God, and worship before the Lord thy God. Deut. 26:10.—O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever. Ps. 107:1.—Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase. Prov. 3:9.—Or despiseth thou the riches of His goodness and forbearance and longsuffering: not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance? Rom. 2:4.—In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Jesus Christ concerning you. 1 Thess. 5:18.

There is a very touching little story told of a poor woman with two children, who had not a bed for them to lie upon, and scarcely any clothes to cover them. In the depth of winter they were nearly frozen, and the mother took the door of a cellar off the hinges, and set it up before the corner where they were crouched down to sleep, that some of the draught and cold might be kept from them. One of the children whispered to her mother, when she complained of how badly off they were, "Mother, what do those dear children do, who have no cellar door to put up in front of them?" Even there, you see the little heart found cause for thankfulness.—Mr. Spurgeon.

THE OVERCOMING LIFE.

It is the Spirit that quickeneth. Jno. 6:63.—Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Spirit. Titus 3:5.—And you hath he quickened, who were in trespasses and sins. Eph. 2:1.—For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. Rom. 8:2.—For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days hence. Acts 1:5.—And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Acts 2:4.—Then Peter said unto them, Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:38.



—For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Rom. 14:17.

The spiritual life may be unsatisfactory to one, resulting from many causes, such as indifference to God's word, discontinued prayer, non-attendance at worship, and worldly associates, an ill temper, disobedience to God's laws, etc. No blessings can come for such a disposition towards God and his cause. There may be also some unrepented sin still in the life which must be given up. The St. Louis Fair was set in motion by President Roosevelt touching an electric button in his office in Washington. The Fair officials had sent him a message that they would be ready at a certain time. The secret current running along the wire made activity reign, starting the water to flow, and the machinery going, and gave new life to every thing about the place. It is the old life that needs to be quickened by the Holy Spirit. Have you sent

in your message by prayer? It is certain to be answered by Him who said, "Ask and ye shall receive." Read Psalm 145—.

ENTER IN.

Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. Jno. 3:5, 7.—I am the door: by Me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. Jno. 10:9.—And he set the porters at the gates of the house of the Lord, that none which was unclean in anything should enter in. 2 Chron. 23:19.—Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Matt. 7:21.—



Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus. Heb. 10:19.—And there shall in no wise enter into it (heaven) anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination or maketh a lie; but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life. Rev. 21:27.

To all the temples in Japan there are gates or entrances, which this clearly shows. This is one of the largest, and is probably seventy-five feet high. All is made of wood except the roof which is tile. Any one may pass through it and enter the temple. The infidel, the curious, the indifferent, the careless and the criminal as well as the innocent. It will not be so at the gate of heaven. None but those, who have a life right with God shall be permitted to enter. How do you expect to enter? Read 1 Peter 1—, special verse 7.

SOME TURNS IN LIFE.

For if ye turn again unto the Lord, your brethren and your children shall find compassion before them that lead them captive, so that they shall come again into this land: for the Lord your God is gracious and merciful, and will not turn away his face from you, if ye return unto him. 2 Chron. 30:9.—As for such as turn aside unto their crooked ways, the Lord shall lead them forth with the workers of iniquity: but peace shall be upon Israel (the believer). Ps. 125:5.—Of the nations concerning which the Lord said unto the children of Israel. Ye shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in unto you: for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods: Solomon clave unto these in love. 1 Kings 11:2.—And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall



be turned unto fables. 2 Tim. 5:15.—For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ. Jude 1:4.—The Lord preserveth the strangers; he relieveth the fatherless and widow: but the way of the wicked he turneth upside down. Ps. 146:9.—Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities. Acts 3:26.—And one of them (the lepers) when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God. Luke 17:15.

Life is very much like a railway journey over the mountains. This is one of the many turns (curves) of the railroad going over the Black Hills. There is one curve for every 425 feet for thirty miles. Just when everything appeared to be going along smoothly,

and all were enjoying the wonderful scenery stretching out over the mountain tops, and the valleys below with their little mining towns, and the great plains in the distance as far as the eye could see, then all on a sudden, and without a moments warning, you would be almost unnerved by the effects of such a sharp turn as this. There are many kinds of turns that come to us in this life. Trials, distresses, false friends, business failures, and others that may come upon us without a moments warning. Jesus said, Have faith in God. Mark 11:22.—The worst turn possible is to turn from God to the weak beggarly elements of this present world for comfort. Above everything else we should turn to God and hold fast. Things seen are not permanent. Read Ps. 119:81-96.

JACK WAS NOT FORGOTTEN.

I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou has given me; for they are thine. Jno. 17:9.

A God fearing boy was reasoning with a wretched companion about his continuance in a wicked course. The reply was: "It is the right thing for you, Harry, to be glad, for you have lots of people who care for you; but as for me nobody prays for me. I'm so bad that nobody thinks it worth while to pray for me—even if they ever did pray for me, they have given it up now." "Don't say that, Jack; God is my witness that I never go to sleep, but I pray for you——" "O God, bring dear Jack into the fold of Christ." Jack wept and repented. Let no perishing school fellow be able to say: "You have not taken the trouble to pray for me."

THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD.

Know therefore that the Lord thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations. Deut. 7:9.—God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of His Son Jesus Christ. 1 Cor. 1:19.—Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it. 1 Thess. 5:24.—But the Lord is faithful, who shall establish you, and keep you from evil. 2 Thess. 3:3.—For the word of the Lord is right: and all His works are done in truth. Ps. 33:4.—If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself. 2 Tim. 2:13.—There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able, but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. 1 cor. 10:13.

A BARREN PLACE.

Behold, he (the Lord) withholdeth the waters, and they dry up. Job. 12:15.—And I will lay it waste: It shall not be pruned, nor digged; but there shall come up briers and thorns: I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. Isa. 5:8.—When heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee; if they pray toward this place, (the temple) and confess thy name, and turn from their sin, when thou afflictest them: then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, that thou teach them the good way wherein they should walk, and give rain upon thy land, which thou hast given to thy people for an inheritance. 1 Kings 8:35, 36.—He turneth rivers into a wilderness, and the water springs into dry ground; a fruitful land into barrenness, for wickedness of them that



dwelt therein. Ps. 107:33, 34. O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? Rom. 7:27.—Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou hast fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick (Holy Spirit) out of his place, except thou repent. Rev. 2:4, 5.

Riding on the train from San Francisco southward, the scene like this is what constituted nearly one whole day's journey. Only a dry, bleak, and barren plain, producing nothing, but the scattered sage brush, and the thorny cactus tree now and then to be seen. However, this only lacks the water to make it fruitful, and beautiful. The Holy Spirit is likened to water in the christian life. God says, "And I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing: and I will cause the showers to come down in its season:

there shall be showers of blessing." Eze. 34:26.—A life with ill temper, self-love, revengeful, and not having sympathy, love, kindness, and prayer is like the representation in the picture. It produces nothing worth having or seeing. Read Titus 3—, special verse 5.

WHERE IS HEAVEN?

A minister one day preached on Heaven. Next morning he was going downtown and he met one of his old wealthy members. The brother stopped the preacher and said:

"Pastor, you preached a good sermon about Heaven. You told me all about Heaven, but you never told me where Heaven is."

"Ah!" said the pastor, "I am glad of an opportunity this morning. I have just come from the hill-top yonder. In that cottage there is a member of your church. She is sick in bed with fever; her two little children are sick in the other bed; and she has not got a bit of coal nor a stick of wood, nor flour, nor sugar, nor any bread. If you will go downtown and buy five dollars worth of things—nice provisions—and send them up to her, and then go up there and say, "My sister, I have brought you these nice provisions in the name of our Lord and Savior; then ask for a Bible and read the twenty-third Psalm, and then get down on your knees and pray—if you don't see Heaven before you get all through, I'll pay the bill."

The next morning he said:

"Pastor, I saw Heaven, and spent fifteen minutes in Heaven as certain as you are listening."

GAVE UP.

Many professed christians are very much like the old lady who was in a carriage when the horses were running away, said she had perfect trust in the Lord till the harness broke, and then she gave right up. Some can trust God while everything runs smoothly, but under trials and difficulties they give up. Make God your refuge always.

A CHANCE FOR A BLESSING.

A collector for benevolent causes said one day to a lawyer, whose offering he had just received, "I guess you would be glad never to see me coming again?"

"Why should I?" asked the lawyer in surprise, "I should miss one chance to get a blessing. If I stopped giving, I should soon get as thin as a fence-rail."

A DIFFERENCE.

He turneth the wilderness into a standing water, and dry ground into water springs. And sow the fields, and plant vineyards, which may yield fruits of increase. Ps. 107:35, 37.—Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the Lord for a name for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off. Isa. 55:13.—Jesus answered, verily, verily, I say unto thee, except ye be born of water and the Spirit, Ye cannot enter into the kingdom of God. Jno. 3:5.—But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. Jno. 4:14.—Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; not slothful in business;



fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; distributing to the necessities of saints; given to hospitality. Bless them which persecute you, bless, and curse not. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good. Rom 12:10-14, 21.

This beautiful spot is in the City Park, Portland, Ore. It was not naturally attractive and beautiful, but has been made so, by being properly tended, and watered. This is a contrast to the former lesson. An unrighteous life may be made righteous. An unsatisfying christian life may become an overcoming life. The first point is to know that we have been "made new" as Jesus taught. That is the only way out of the old desert life. Then it must be properly tended by prayer, and watered by the divine presence of the Holy Spirit. The things that were once difficult tasks will

become the natural, and pleasanter ones to do. Which of these two scenes does your life represent? Read Isa. 61—, special verse 1.

THINGS NECESSARY.

Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breast plate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God: praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching there-



unto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints. Eph. 6:13-18.

Saint Paul has bequeathed to us a splendid pen picture of a Christian. He must have the whole armor to be triumphant against the devices of the devil. The man above will fail, because he is only partly armored. The darts of the wicked one will find lodgment somewhere on him. One may have the "Sword of the Spirit"—the Bible, but it will be only a life of failure where it is not backed up with the "helmet of salvation," and the "breastplate of righteousness." You may talk to people about the good book, but if you lack any one of these essentials, then your life will be a certain failure. Other people will hurl at you "inconsistency" very rightly, too. Do you wish to be successful? Then with a glad heart take St. Paul's advice, and put on the whole armor of God. We may learn a great lesson on this from Goliath the giant, when such a little fellow as David appeared before him. David had a

sling and a smooth little stone from the brook which struck the giant straight in the forehead. Goliath carelessly left off his helmet, which was the most important part of his armor at this point in his life. He lost his life. Find out the part you lack and put it on. Read Isa. 57—, special verse 19.

HAPPINESS.

He that handleth a matter wisely shall find good: and who so trusteth in the Lord, happy is he. Prov. 16:20.—Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he. Prov. 29:18.—For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness. Ps. 84:10.—Happy is that people, that is in such a case: yea, happy is that people, whose God



is the Lord. Ps. 144:15.—But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled. 1 Pet. 3:14.—But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime received thy good things and likewise Lazarus evil things, but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. Luke 16:25.

Paschal once said, "Happiness is neither within us only, or without us; it is the union of ourselves with God." How often we see people trying to conjure up happiness in some worldly manner, but no solid happiness can be secured in that way. The only really happy one in this world is he, who has the Lord Jesus on his side, and walks and talks with Him daily. The Indian chief lives in South Dakota and is a happy Christian man, though he lives in a tent. Happiness may dwell in a mansion, but the very opposite is often the case. The wicked may have plenty of

their own sort of pleasure, which they falsely call happiness, but that will cease sometime. The Christian will have pleasure, a solid happiness in this life, which will be enlarged when he moves out into eternity. To be right with God is to be happy. To be out of harmony with Him is to be wrong and consequently unhappy. Mr. Spurgeon truly puts it thus, "The grand essentials to happiness in this life are, something to do, something to love and something to hope for." A lawyer once tried to tangle up a German in the cross-examination in a certain case, by asking him, "Which way the stairs in his house run?" After a moments hesitation the witness replied, "When I am oop stairs dey roon down, and when I am down stairs dey roon oop." Happiness belongs to those who can stand before God with a clear conscience, to such the stairs will always be running in the right direction. Read Prov. 10—, special verse 28.

ORDINARY PEOPLE.

First of all, if you feel that you are ordinary, thank God that you are not extraordinary. I am tired and sick and bored almost to death with extraordinary people. They take all their time to tell you how very extraordinary they really are. You know as well as I do, my brother and sister, that the most of the useful work of the world is done by unpretentious people who toil right on—by people who do not get much approval, and no one seems to say: "That is well done." Phenomena are of but little use. Things that are exceptional cannot be depended on. Better trust the smallest planet that swings on its orbit than ten comets shooting this way and that, imperiling the longevity of worlds attending to their own business. For steady illumination better is a lamp than a rocket. Then, if you feel that you are ordinary, remember that your position invites the less attack.—*Dr. Talmage.*

MONOTONOUS.

In the course of his pastoral visitations Rev. Dr. Chalmers called upon a worthy shoemaker, who, in recounting his blessings, said that he and his family had lived happily together for thirty years without a single quarrel. This was too much for the doctor, who struck his cane on the floor and exclaimed: "Terribly monotonous, man! terribly monotonous!"

HE LEADETH ME.

Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee. Gen. 12:1.—And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way, and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light: to go by day and night. Ex. 13:21.—For this God is our God forever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death. Ps. 48:14.—Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to thy glory. Ps. 73:24.—And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not, I will lead them in paths that they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them. Isa. 42:16.—Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God



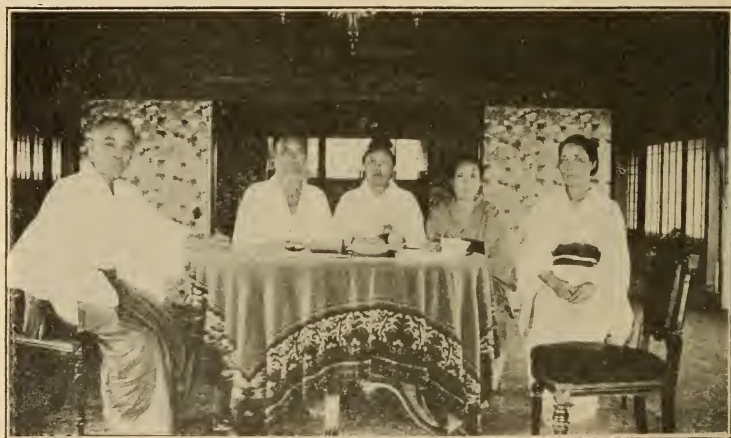
of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day. The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach the way. Ps. 25:5, 9.—To him (the Shepherd) the porter openeth, and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name and leadeth them out. And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. Jno. 10:3, 4.—For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. Rom. 8:14.

God's promises are ever true and he will perform them. He will lead and guide His own, but it must be in His own way and not theirs. How often people endeavor to get ahead of their guide, and generally suffer thereby. The Japanese as a rule do not use the horse on the public road, but is doing so here. He goes up and down, and about the mountains, and some places that are dangerous, but he is led. He would not go very far alone before

some accident would happen: but he is always safe when guided by his master. The Christian will not walk safely alone in this life without the guidance of his heavenly Father, Jesus his Savior, and the Holy Spirit. Read 2 Cor. 12—, special verse 9.

THE EMPTY CHAIR.

David's place was empty. 1 Sam. 20:25.—Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil: my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Ps. 23:5, 6.—And David (The King) said unto him (Mephibosheth) Fear not: for I will surely shew thee kindness for Jonathan thy father's sake, and will restore thee



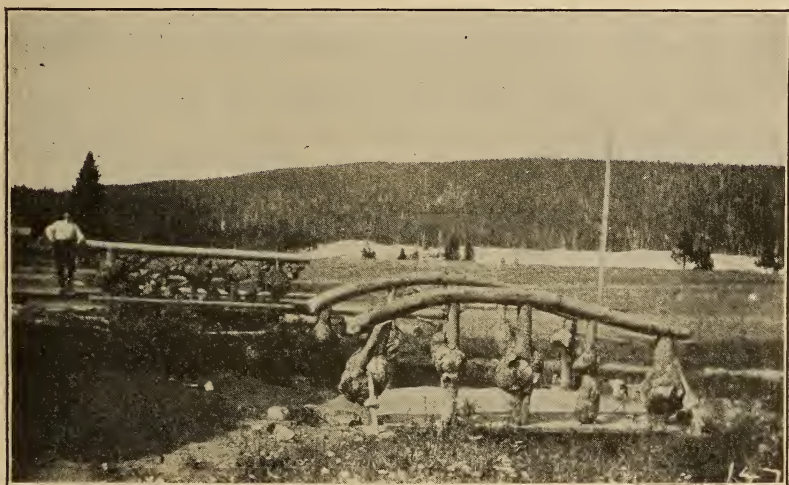
all the land of Saul thy father; and thou shalt eat bread at my table continually. 2 Sam. 9:7.—Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. Ps. 103:1, 2.

This is in a Japanese Nobleman's home in Tokio. It is the parlor for foreigners, which explains the presence of the table and chairs. The parlor is on the second floor and in the rear end of the house, overlooking a splendidly kept rear yard, and the wide river. The room is quite large, having beautiful brussels carpet and only the furniture that is seen in the picture. They were exceedingly kind, thoughtful and generous in making my visits to them pleasant. The table was always prepared, and laden with the best things of the home. In fact, they were better to me than I deserved. Do we forget the benefits the Lord bestows upon us day by day? There is your chair at home, and in the church. Are

you filling up the place? Then too, Jesus went back to heaven to prepare a place for you. Will your seat be empty? Jno. 14:1,2.—Read Phil. 4—, special verse 19.

LITTLE BUT MIGHTY.

Even the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! And the tongue is a fire, and a world of iniquity: but the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. Jas. 3:5, 6, 8.—Wherefore, laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and enemies, and all evil speakings. 1 Pet. 2:1.—The words of his mouth were smoother than butter, but war was in his heart: his



words were softer than oil, yet were they drawn swords. Ps. 55:21.—Wherefore seeing we also are composed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. Heb. 12:1, 2.

The little rustic bridges are near Old Faithful geyser in the Yellowstone Park. Driving along the road one would see the trees having these odd looking bumps on them. It is said that they were caused by the sting of an insect. I presume that every time the tongue is set unlawfully in motion that it leaves a bump on some one's life and character. The better way is to look to the

Author and Finisher of our faith, than to occupy ourselves in that manner.

“There is so much bad in the best of us,
And so much good in the worst of us,
That it ill becomes any of us
To talk about the rest of us.”

—R. L. Stevenson.

Read Psalm 84—, special verse 11.

THE FOUR WHEELS OF DIVINE PROMISE.

I the Lord have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles; to open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house. Isa. 42:6, 7.

Frances Ridley Havergal, the poet saint, whose songs breathe an atmosphere of Christian confidence unsurpassed by any writer outside of the Bible, used these words as her chariot of fire to bear her home. On the last day of her life she asked a friend to read her this forty-second chapter of Isaiah. When the friend had reached these verses Miss Havergal stopped her, “Called, held, kept, used,” she whispered. “Well, I will just go home on that.” And she did go home on that, making it her celestial chariot, which no one doubts had abundant entrance through the pearly gates into the city of gold.—Dr. L. A. Banks.

A HANDSOME APOLOGY.

Ned and his grandmother are the best of friends, but sometimes the little boy's tongue is too quick to please the old lady. Then Ned apologizes, after a fashion of his own, which his grandmother approves.

“I got tired lugging that wheelborrow for grandmother when she was changing her plants,” Ned said to his mother, recounting the day's events at bedtime. “and I said, ‘I wish there wasn't another speck of this hateful dirt in all the world!’ But then afterward I ‘pologized.’”

“I'm glad of that,” said his mother. “Did you tell her you were sorry?”

“No, that's not the kind grandmother likes best,” said Ned. “I got another wheelbarrowful, and I just said, ‘Don't you want some more of this nice dirt, grandmother?’ And then we were all right again.”—*Youth's Companion*.

PREPARED.

Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel: and because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God. Amos 4:12.—And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just to make ready a people prepared for the Lord. Luke 1:17.—And saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father. Matt. 20:23.—And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes. Luke 12:47.—



But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. 1 Cor. 2:9. See also Jno. 14:1, 2.

A view of the canal running through Yokohama, Japan, and looking out to the Bay. It is a busy place. The fishing boats, barges, and canoes ply back and forth all the day long. The first barge is filled with coal, which is being placed in the coaling station for certain foreign vessels that may happen to run short of fuel. In this way they are always prepared while away from home ports for such an emergency. Note how they load and unload. It is very tedious work. God has called out of heaven to all mankind to prepare and be ready to enjoy the blessed things that he is preparing for his obedient children. Are you preparing to be carried out of this earthly life? Heaven is a prepared place

for a prepared people. God said to the rich man, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee. Luke 12:20. He forgot to get ready. That was all. Read Psalm 91—, special verse 1.

MADE CLEAN.

Purge me with hysop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Ps. 51:7.—Come now, and let us reason together, said the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. Isa. 1:18.—But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. If we



confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 Jno. 1:7,9.—And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood. Rev. 1:5.—In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sin, according to the riches of his grace. Eph. 1:7.

The Japanese woman is at the brook washing the soiled clothing. It is a pure stream coming from the mountains. It is very typical of the work that Christ came to this world to do for sinful man. No sins will be permitted to creep into heaven in any manner, therefore man must be cleansed from this awful stain in this present life, if he would enjoy the future with God. It makes no difference who you are, you may come to Jesus and be cleansed from all sin. He is the living and eternal fountain. Are you made

clean? And Jesus moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, (the leper) and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean.

“Oh, precious is the flow,
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.”

Read Ephesians 1—, special verse 3.

A NOBLE ANIMAL.

The Rajah Dowlah, with a large train of followers, was once going hunting in the neighborhood of Lucknow. On their way they had to pass through a ravine, in which several invalids were lying to receive what benefit they could from the exposure to the sun and air. When their attendants saw the approaching party, they ran away leaving their charges to their fate. The Grand Vizier, who was riding his favorite elephant, saw the invalids were right in his way, but was determined not to alter his course for their sakes. As long as the elephant had a free path he went on at full pace, but as soon as he came to the helpless persons he stopped, and would not go on in spite of all the goads the driver inflicted. “Stick the beast in the ear!” cried the Rajah, becoming furious. It was done, but in vain. The noble animal waited some time, but as no one came to remove the invalids, he carefully carried each separately in his trunk to a place where they would not be in danger of being trampled to death by the passing procession.—*Edward James Tripp.*

WHERE WAS THE DEVIL?

A colored brother was in the habit of seeing a devil in the organ behind the pulpit. His bishop said to him: “I expect when you go into the church, the devil is there sure enough but you don’t locate him right. He’s not in there right behind the pulpit, but he’s in you. You’ve mislocated things; that’s the trouble.”

The Lord will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing: thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness. Ps. 41:3.

Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald says a certain pastor called upon one of his members who was severely tried through sickness and asked him, How are you, sir? He replied, My head is resting very sweetly on three pillows—infinite love, infinite wisdom and infinite power.”

HE CARES FOR YOU.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. Ps. 23:1.—I have been young, and now am old, yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread. He is ever merciful, and lendeth, and His seed is blessed. Ps. 37:25, 26.—But my God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Ps. 4:19.—What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? Ps. 8:4.—He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord. Ps. 33:5.—How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them. Ps. 139:17.—When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up. Ps. 27:10.

These are Japanese Buddhist priests begging. They worship



a superstitious god that ever fails them. (See page 65). They merely beg for their own gain, and not to distribute, and to do good with it. The motive is purely selfish. They will go to the door, and ring a little bell, and sing a few words, that neither they nor anybody else understand. They may receive a rin (1-10 of a cent) or go rin (1-2 cent) and go on their journey. It is like many Christians begging of God to do something for them, and not receiving from Him because there is too selfish a motive attached to it. Selfishness is the tremendous sin in the world today. When sin is in the heart the Lord will not hear. See Ps. 66:18. Christ came into the world to put away sin, and to place man back in communion with God so that he may claim the right to his covenants and promises. God never fails that which he promised to man. We often fail, but he pities still and cares for us always. As long as he (Uzziah) sought the Lord, God made him to prosper. 2 Chron, 26:5. Read Psalm 119: 129-160.

PEACE.

The Lord will give strength unto His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace. Ps. 29:11.—Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright. For the end of that man is peace. Ps. 37:37.—Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Rom. 5:1.—But God hath called us to peace. 1 Cor. 7:15.—For thou shalt be in league with the stones of the field, and the beasts of the field shall be at peace with thee. Job. 5:23.—There is no peace saith my God to the wicked. Isa. 57:21.—They have healed also the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace. Jer. 6:14.—And let the peace of God rule in your



hearts, to the which ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. Col. 3:15.—Peace I (Jesus) leave with you, My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. John 14:27.

This is in the Yellowstone Park nearby the road. The man is tenting for the day. The bear came from his wild woodland den to visit him, and receives in return some sugar or syrup from the dish. They are on very peaceable terms. It is hardly believable, yet true. Between God and the unrighteous there is no peace, but the work of Jesus Christ was to bring sinful man back to God, thereby making peace. To be at PEACE WITH God, and to have the PEACE OF God ruling in our hearts, are supreme privileges of the Christian. Have you these in your life?

Read Ezekiel 33:7-16, special verse 9.

THE THRONE.

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in the time of need. Heb. 4:16.—Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us. Eph. 3:20.—Be careful for nothing: but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. Phil. 4:6.—Likewise the Spirit helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit himself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Rom. 8:26.—Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving. Col. 4:2.—What is it then? I will pray with the Spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the Spirit, and I will sing with the



understanding also. 1 Cor. 14:15.—Remember me, O my God, for good. Neh. 13:31.—For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil. 1 Pet. 3:12.

This is the same temple, as on page 49, opened on dedication day. Many came to make their offerings, and go through their very simple religious ceremony. I noticed that they, who only rang the bell, standing outside, were going through merely a superficial form. You can see the woman kneeling inside. She meant business. She was really in earnest. She came with her little son. They did not remain at the door, like the others, but entering and kneeling, she prayed. A beautiful devotion, indeed, even to a superstitious god made with hands. How much more ought we, who have the Scriptures to know who God is, and who Christ is, as well as the Holy Spirit? Read 1 John 3—, special verse 2.

OBEDIENCE.

God says, Now therefore, if ye will obey My voice indeed, and keep My covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all the people. Ex. 19:5.—Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse: a blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you this day. Deut. 11:26, 27.—And the people said unto Joshua, The Lord our God will we serve, and His voice will we obey. Joshua 24:24.—Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men. Acts 5:29.—Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Eph. 6:1.—And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Phil. 2:8.—For the time is come that the judgment must begin at the house



of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? 1 Pet. 4:17.

The old philosopher Aristotle once said that, "Wicked men obey from fear: good men, from love." This is quite true. "Obedience," says Aeschylus, "is the mother of success, and is wedded to safety." There is no principle more noble, surely none more holy than that of true obedience. Sometimes it seems to me that this is the day and age of parent becoming obedient to their children, rather than the children obeying the parents. God's way should be adhered to under all circumstances. At the St. Louis fair I saw a beautiful instance of obedience in the famous twenty mule team which hauls mineral out of Death Valley. Above we see only six of the teams. It seemed that just a word from the lips of the driver was perfectly understood and forthwith obeyed. They would turn the sharpest corner and never

touch a lamp-post or tree, so true were they to their master's direction. Man's blessings depend upon his obedience to God. As Christ obeyed even unto the death on the cross, so should the Christian be willing to obey God's commands wholly, and holy. Read James 1—, special verse 12.

THE FEELING CAME LATER.

For by grace are ye saved through faith: and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast. Eph. 2:8, 9.

A wealthy dealer in land was present one night at a service in Dr. Torrey's Chicago church.

"Are you a Christian?" the evangelist asked him afterwards.

"No," was the reply. "I should like to be a Christian, and hope to become one sometime or other."

"But why not tonight?" queried Dr. Torrey.

"I haven't the feeling of the conviction of sin," came the answer.

"Don't you know you are a sinner, that Jesus Christ died for your sins, and that if you accept Christ He will save you just as you are?"

"I haven't the feeling!"

"Bother the feeling!" retorted the evangelist; "it's a question of common sense. Suppose a man came to your office to offer you a plot of land worth \$5,000, which you knew would eventually be worth \$20,000, would you feel like buying it or would you refuse it?"

"I would buy it, feeling or no feeling"—eagerly.

"Will you accept Christ, feeling or no feeling?" said Dr. Torrey, driving the point home.

"I will," he declared promptly.

The man afterwards became a trustee of the church and a staunch worker.

WONDROUS LOVE.

A repulsive-looking old woman who, after a life of unbelief, had been converted, became the subject of persecution at the hands of her godless neighbors. In every way they sought to anger or otherwise disturb the spirit of patience and loving-kindness that now possessed her. Finally an old persecutor, having exhausted all her resources in the attempt, venomously exclaimed, "I think you're the ugliest old woman that I ever saw." To which the old woman, her face beaming with a light that made her beautiful, replied in tears, "Wasn't it wonderful that He (Jesus) could have loved an ugly woman like me?"

BATTLES OF LIFE.

That we also may be like all nations; and that our king may judge and go out before us, and fight our battles. 1 Sam. 8:20.—I pray thee, forgive the trespass of thine handmaid: for the Lord will certainly make my Lord a sure house; because my lord fighteth the battles of the Lord, and evil hath not been found in thee all thy days. 1 Sam. 25:28.—With him is an arm of flesh; but with us is the Lord our God to help us, and to fight our battles. And the people rested themselves upon the words of Hezekiah king of Judah. 2 Chron. 32:8.—What shall we say then to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? Rom. 8:31.—The Lord is my light and my salvation: whom shall I fear? The Lord is the



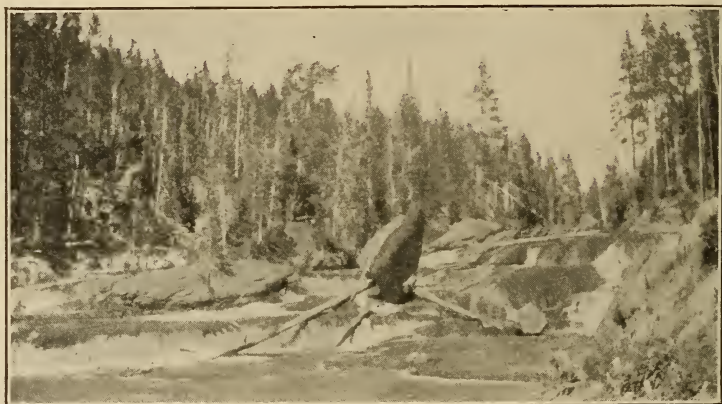
strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? Ps. 27:1.—Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. Isa. 41:10.

You have read all about the battle of Santiago de Cuba. Here we see it on a small scale, as represented at the St. Louis Fair. Note the forts and the ships. It appeared to be quite real, though the ships were small and the forts not very substantial. The booming of the cannon from both the ships and the forts, stirred up one's patriotism to the highest pitch. You could hear the terrible explosion of the shells right behind the stone walls. Now and then Spanish warships (the enemy) would sail out to fight, only to change their minds and return to safety. It made the heart glad to know that this was no real battle, no one hurt in any way. But do you know there are real active battles in the every day life of man? Each person has his or her battles both inward and from without

to fight every hour in the day. Trials and temptations are many. Who can know them till they are upon us? Blessed it is to hear the Divine Voice say, "Fear not." The Lord is always willing to help in time of trouble. Romans 12—, special verse 2.

WASTED.

And he said, A certain man had two sons: and the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living. And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living. And when he had spent all, there arose a



mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want. Luke 15:11-14.—He also that is slothful in his work is brother to him that is a great waster. Prov. 18:9.—I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding; And, lo, it was all grown over with thorns, and nettles had covered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down. Then I saw and considered it well: I looked upon it and received instruction. Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: so shall thy poverty come as one that travelth; and thy want as an armed man. Prov. 24:30-34.

(Time wasted is ever lost. In the scene above you see the Gibbon river, Yellowstone Park. In the stream there is a large rock. How long it has been there, no one knows, but He who placed it there. It is standing on a mere stem. Quite a curiosity it is. The water has eaten away the lower part little by little, grain by grain. What a picture of life. Wastefulness of time,

money and energy ruins the life and brings grief and desolation to many a heart. Wilful waste makes woeful want. Read Gal. 6—, special verse 8.

THE ADDITIONS.

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness: and all these things shall be added unto you. Matt. 6:33.—Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience;



and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. 2 Pet. 1:4.—And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work. 2 Cor. 9:8.

This life is one of addition and subtraction, of gain and loss. The cone-shape object is the Lone Star geyser in the Yellowstone Park. It is probably 12 feet high and about that many feet in diameter at the base. The crater consists of a large central opening, out of which is thrown every three or four hours boiling water, spray and steam from 60 to 100 feet high. This cone is interest-

ing and beautiful—being striped vertically with bands of white, brown, lavender, and intermixed with the varying shades of yellow, and covered with an almost innumerable variety of pearl-like beads. How long it has been in building, man can only conjecture, but probably centuries. Forming itself by adding little by little of the mineral substance contained in the water. Every one is adding something to his or her character every day. It is either good or evil. The Christian should be adding the elements named above, which are necessary to a growing christian life. If you lack any of these essential elements in your life then ask God to add them to you. Jesus says, "If we will to do his will." Jno. 7:17.—That is the secret of it. Read Mark 4:14-25.

HE WAS SO BUSY.

"One year ago to-day I sat at my desk busy with the month's bills and accounts, when a bright-faced, starry-eyed lad of twelve rushed in and impetuously announced, "Say, pa, this is your birthday; you are fifty-five years old and I am going to give you fifty-five kisses, one for each year." And he began to make good his word when I exclaimed, "O Andrew, don't do it now, I am so busy!" His silence attracted my attention, and, looking up, I saw his big blue eyes filled with tears, and apologetically said, "You can finish to-morrow." He made no reply, but was unable to conceal his disappointment, his face wearing a grieved expression as he quietly walked away.

The same evening I said, "Come and finish the kisses now, Andrew," but he did not respond to the invitation.

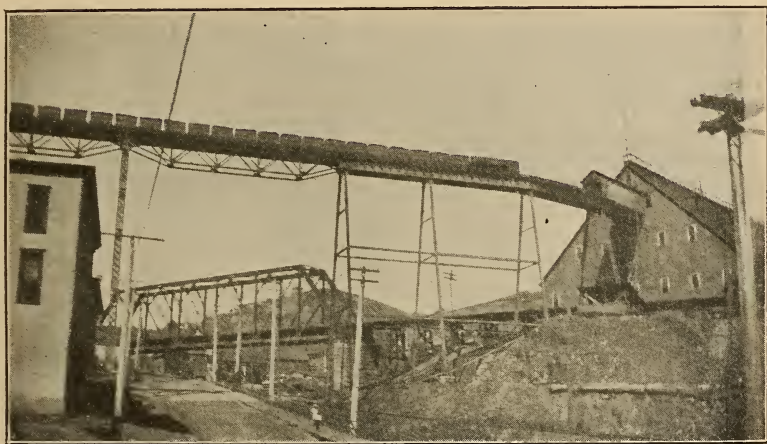
Two months later, in consequence of an accident, the waves of the Fox River closed over his body, and we carried him away to sleep near the village where he loved to spend his summer vacations. The robin's note was never sweeter than his voice, and the turtle-doves that coo to their nestlings where he sleeps could not be more gentle than my little boy who never finished his love-imposed task.

If I could build a ladder to the skies and find him there: if I could only tell him how much I regret the thoughtless word spoken; if I could be assured that he understands and knows how my heart is aching because of the unkind request, there would be no man in all this wide world so inexpressibly happy as the one who sits to-day and thinks how he prevented an act that love inspired, and grieved a little heart as tender as the mercy of God.

"And, be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted."—A. W. BRUNER.

RICHES.

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! in wisdom hast Thou made them all: the earth is full of Thy riches. Ps. 104:24.—Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God who giveth us richly all things to enjoy. 1 Tim. 6:17.—Despiseth thou the riches of His goodness and forbearance and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance? Rom. 2:4.—That in the ages to come He (God) might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. Eph. 2:7.—Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ. Eph. 3:8.



—O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are His judgments, and His ways past finding out. Rom. 11:33.—In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins according to the riches of His grace. Eph. 1:7.

How devotedly people dig after the worldly riches! This is noble, if the riches are used nobly. See the long steel bridge and the train it carries. Each little steel car holds four tons of ore. It is a gold mine at Lead City, S. D. This ore has been brought up from a depth of 1100 feet. It is said the deeper they go, the richer the ore. The train carries the ore from the elevator of the mine to the stamp mill, where the gold is separated from the dirt. Riches unfold. The Bible is a mine, in which are stored the riches of God's promises for man. Riches for the unbeliever and precious things for the believer, for the young and the aged,

eternal riches of God. Are you living an unhappy spiritual life with all the riches of heaven so freely offered to you through Christ? Read 1 Kings 3:1-15, special verse 9.

FORTRESS.

And he said, The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; The God of my rock; in him will I trust; he is my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my savior; thou savest me from violence. 2 Sam. 22:2, 3.—O Lord my strength, and my fortress, and my refuge in the day of affliction. Jer. 16:19.—The Lord also will be a refuge for the op-



pressed, refuge in times of trouble. Ps. 9:9.—But I will sing of thy power; yea, I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning: for thou hast been my defence and refuge in the day of my trouble. Ps. 59:16.—In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge is in God. Ps. 62:7.—The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear; the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid. Ps. 27:1.

This round tower or fort was built in 1821, which now forms a part of Fort Snelling, near St. Paul, Minn. It was used by the white people (soldiers) and others to protect themselves from the Indian attacks and ravages. It was their safe hiding place and refuge in time of trouble and danger. In affliction and trouble the Christian has a hiding place that the worldly one knows not. Read John 10—, special verse 38.

FOLLOWERS.

The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow me. John 1:43.—My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. John 10:27.—But Peter followed him afar off unto the high priest's palace, and went in, and sat with the servants, to see the end. Matt. 26:58.—And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. 2 Pet. 2:2.—For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps. 1 Pet. 2:21.—Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me. Matt. 16:24.—If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be;



if any man serve me, him will my father honor. John 12:26.

The Philippine Band is playing on the opening day at the St. Louis Fair. They were happy to have the privilege to do so. It was an honor conferred upon them indeed, coming from their far off Island home, to lead in the program of this day. They were willing workers, ready to follow their captain wherever he should lead them. In another way they had to deny themselves very much, by leaving their homes and loved ones, to come over here. No doubt that in their hearts there were many crosses to bear. The Christians ought to be even more willing workers for their Captain Jesus, who has redeemed them from the curse of sin, and to follow him, though there be some heavy crosses to bear and denials in life. If you watch other people you will get your life no better nor higher than theirs. Follow no man. Follow Christ.

This will keep you from many painful stumblings. Read Romans 1:1-16, special verse 16.

BURDENS.

For every one shall bear his own burden. Cal. 6:5.—So then every one of us shall give an account of himself to God. Rom. 14:12.—For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God. Rom. 3:23.—For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that everyone may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. 2 Cor. 5:10.—For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Rom. 6:23.—For thy name's sake, O Lord, pardon mine iniquity; for it is great. Ps.



25:11.—Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned. Rom. 5:12.

The Japanese women are carrying coke to market from the mountains. Quite a burden they carry. All of us have little earthly burdens to carry, but the greatest of all burdens, is the burden of sin that is strapped to one's own soul. It is too heavy for man to bear up. Trying to be joyful will not take it away. Wordly knowledge cannot dislodge it. Wordly amusements only deepens the sting. The good deeds you may do will not have any merit to atone for sin. Sympathy of your friends will not be strong enough to remove the awful pangs coming from it. Will you carry the burden alone eternally? Listen to the only cure! "For when we were yet without strength, Christ died for the ungodly" (the sinner). Rom. 5:6. The three great burdens: 1. Cast thy burden on the Lord. Ps. 55:22. Help your

fellow-brother with his burden. Gal. 6:2. 3. The burden of Jesus was the sins of the people. Luke 19:41. He wept over sinful Jerusalem and its people. Read 1 Peter 4—, special verse 17.

STRENGTH.

And Delilah said to Samson, Tell me, I pray thee, wherein thy great strength lieth, and wherewith thou mightest be bound to afflict thee. Judge 16:6.—Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord. Ps. 27:14.—The Lord will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing. Ps. 41:3.—But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suf-



fered awhile, make you perfect, establish, strengthen, settle you.—1 Pet. 5:10.—Then he (Nehemiah) said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry: for the joy of the Lord is your strength. Neh. 8:10.—That he (God) would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man. Eph. 3:16.—I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. Phil. 4:13.—In the day when I cried thou answeredst me, and strengthenest me with strength in my soul. Ps. 138:3.

The men are driving piles for the foundation of a large building in Sioux City, Iowa. The pilings are made of concrete, and are driven into the ground by an immense iron weight. How could that dried mixture of crushed stone and cement stand such

tremendous shocks? I then saw the wooden box mould, into this was placed three heavy iron rods the same length as the mould, and the concrete poured in around them and then left to be hardened by the sun. The now invisible rods were the strength of the piles. So Christ in the inner man becomes his strength. It is the Holy Spirit of God that enters and quickens the life, and the storms of the world may beat away, but in Christ's name and strength such will stand the tests. For every new day and every new task you will need new, or renewed strength. The strength of yesterday will not do for to-day. The engine cannot pull its load to-day with the coal and steam that was used yesterday. Read Psalm 27—, special verse 13.

PICK UP AS YOU GO.

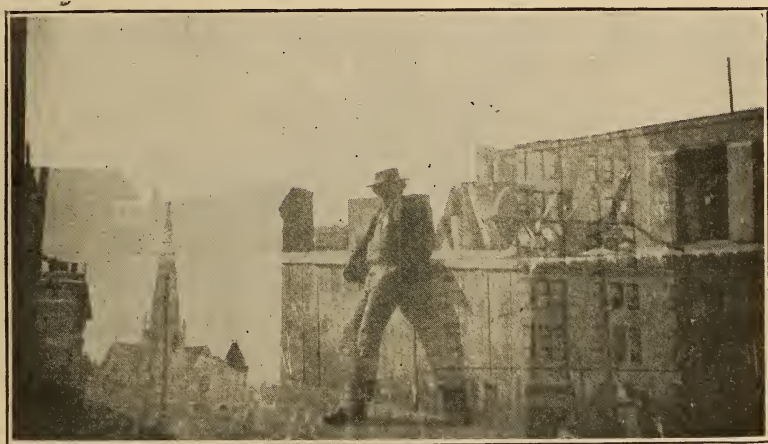
A young girl visiting the country was following the farmer's wife along a winding half overgrown path amid a tangle of wild flowers. The young visitor exclaimed at their variety and beauty. "I mean to gather all I can carry when we come back and I have a little more time," she said. "Better pick them now if you want them," said the elder woman. "'Taint likely we'll come back this way." It was one of those simple, homely incidents that sometimes seem to epitomize life. We must pick now, if we want them at all, the flowers that God scatters along our way. The pleasant hours, the dear friendships, the offered confidences, the happy gatherings—all the brightnesses and blessings that we so often push aside, but mean to find leisure to enjoy sometime—we must take them day by day as they come, or we shall lose them altogether; we never can turn back to find them.

THE MORALIST.

The dahlia would surely be a very empress among flowers if it had but perfume equal to its beauty: even the rose might need to look to her sovereignty. Florists have tried all their arts to scent this lovely child of autumn but in vain, no fragrance can be developed or produced. The reflecting mind will be reminded of those admirable characters which are occasionally met with, in which everything of good repute and comely aspect may be seen, but true religion, that sweet ethereal perfume of grace, as wanting: if they had but love to God, what lovely beings they would be, the best of the saints would not excel them, and yet that fragrant grace they do not seek, and after every effort we may make for their conversion, they remain content without the one thing which is needful for their perfection. O that the Lord would impart to them the mystic sweetness of his grace by the Holy Spirit.—*Spurgeon*.

THE PHILOSOPHER.

(The *Infidel*, *Agnostic*, *Unitarian* and *Christian Science*). Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. Col. 2:8.—Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. Rom. 13:17.—But the natural (unconverted) man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. 1 Cor. 2:14.—Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein. Heb.



13:9.—Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. Eph. 5:6.—That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive. Eph. 4:14.—Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. 1 Jno. 4:1.—For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ. 2 Cor. 2:17.

Since the first man fell away from God, this world has been in a bad mix-up. Sin takes advantage of man now, as it did then, and by its utmost subtlety, induces men to become would-be philosophers. God himself gave the truth to the Israelites, and trusted it to them for their use, as well as for the whole of mankind, but

the Gentile part of the world would not have it, so they began in their own strength and wisdom to search and speculate about the weightier things of life and eternity, but in vain. They had the precious truth right in their midst, but because of doubt, distrust, and selfishness they were not able to grasp it. They were playing around the roots of the tree, or scanning the starry sky, and missed the fruit. This philosopher may be very respectable and moral in his outward life, nevertheless, in his heart there is sin, which God sees and knows. He makes his reason his god. He lives on his pride and self-conceit, and is just as badly mixed-up as the picture. It is doubled. He tries to stand with his feet above the Church and her teachings. He usually wears a sad and unsatisfied countenance. He never has an open hand to anybody or anything. He believes in anything that is for himself. He will probably admit the moral teachings of Jesus Christ to be good, but will reject all the rest of the Scriptures pertaining to Jesus as a Divine Savior from Sin. He would rather live and die by a law made by himself than to have one given from God. He prefers a man made religion than a God revealed religion. The great Apostle says, But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them. and bring upon themselves swift destruction. 2 Pet. 2:1.—As Dr. William A Quayle expresses it, "It (the Bible) is the only book in the world that treats of eternity." Cherish it. Love it. It has been the means of making millions of lives happier, even, in this life, and will make yours also, if you will use it rightly. Read Joshua 24:14-29.

A SINNER.

And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying. God be merciful to me a sinner. Luke 18:13.—God, thou art my God: early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is. Ps. 63:1.

When the Duke of Kent, the father of Queen Victoria, was expressing, in the prospect of death, some concern about the state of his soul, his physician endeavored to soothe his mind by referring to his high respectability, and his honorable conduct in the distinguished situation in which Providence had placed him, when he stopped him short, saying, "No, remember if I am to be saved, it is not as a Prince, but as a sinner."

CLOTHED AND UNCLOTHED.

But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousness are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. Isa. 64.6.—For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. Rom. 10:3.—Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? 1 Cor. 6:9.—For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness. Rom. 1:18.—That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; and be renewed in the spirit of your mind; and that ye put on the new man,



which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. Eph. 4:22-24.—And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is after the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: that I may know him (Christ), and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto His death. Phil. 3:9, 10.—I put on righteousness, and it clothed me. Job 29:14.—Then they went to see what was done; and came to Jesus, and found the man, out of whom the demons were departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed, and in his right mind. Luke 8:35.—Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. For He hath made Him (Christ) to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him. 2 Cor. 5:17, 22.—I will greatly rejoice in the

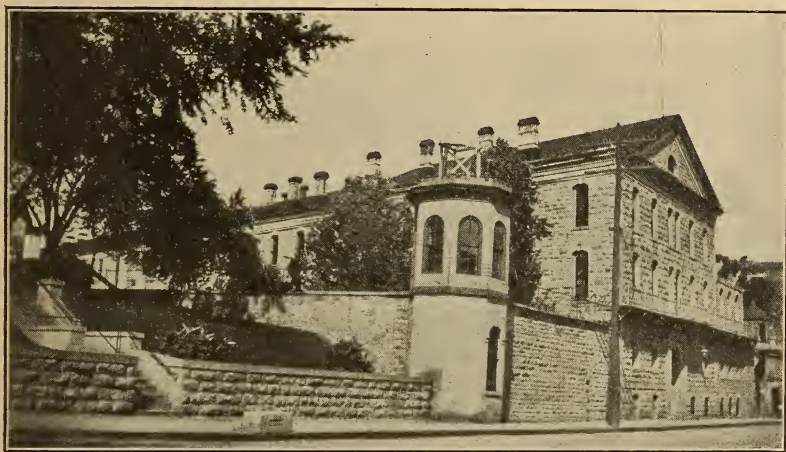
Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God: for He hath clothed me with the garment of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with jewels. Isa. 61:10.—But the path of the just (righteous) is as a shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day. Prov. 4:18.

On the dividing line of the mountains and plain in northern Luzon, Philippine Islands, stands a little village called San Sebastian. The mountainous portion is inhabited by the Igorrotes, one of the primitive tribes of the Island. To this place they come to barter for their rice and dogs, and carry cargo, from a match box to a living person, that may be destined for their part of the country. I saw about 100 dogs on the market here, selling from twenty-five cents to \$2.00 each. At the very sight of these people they would set up the most piteous howls, seeming to know instinctively that they were to be led back to their woodland huts to be slaughtered and feasted over. The huts are surely, dark dingy places. Their clothing is the natural God given garb with a breech-clout thrown in the bargain, and all badly soiled by the accumulated filth of time. A bath to them would be apparently as unnatural as it would be for a canary bird to live in a mud-puddle. The blessed Gospel of Jesus Christ is necessary to change them. You see four of these men, strong and muscular, standing together. They carried the writer (who was unable to walk, and no horses in that part to be had) down to this village from Baggiau. You see also nearby the tree the Christian Philippines standing, clothed. It is a true picture of the two classes of people in the world to-day—the unrighteous and the righteous, in other words, the unclothed and the clothed. The Igorrotes seem to be satisfied wearing their soiled and filthy garments, and I could imagine them saying, "We are just as good as they are." So it is with the unrighteous or rather self-righteous, whether they are the strictest moralists or the vilest of men. They are seemingly self-satisfied, but are buried alive under their filthy garments of sin. God offers to such His robe of righteousness through the Redeeming work of Christ. Do you desire it or do you prefer to meet Him face to face in your own garb of self-righteousness? David was quite honest and cried out of a full heart to God: I acknowledge my sin unto thee. Ps. 32:5. Read Hebrews 4—, special verse 16.

Make each day useful and cheerful, and prove that you know the worth of time by employing it well. Then youth will be happy, old age without regret, and life a beautiful success. — Louise M. Alcott.

CAPTIVE AND IN PRISON.

But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the Lord: and he sure your sin will find you out. Num. 32:23.—But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. Rom. 7:23.—And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed. Acts 16:25, 26.—But Peter continued knocking: and when they had opened the door, and saw him, they were astonished. But he, beckoning



unto them with the hand to hold their peace, declared unto them how the Lord had brought him out of prison. And he said, Go tell these things unto James, and the brethren. And he departed, and went into another place. Acts 12:16, 17.—The Spirit of the Lord is upon me (Jesus), because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised. (Luke 4:18.—If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed. Jno. 8:36.

This is the Minnesota State Prison which had in it in the fall of 1905 nearly 700 men and women. Some were there for life, while others were serving lesser sentences. It made one feel sad to see them penned up in these high walls with sentinels watching, that none may escape. Somehow their sin had found them out, and put them there. As I walked about the prison, the

thought struck me so forcibly that we were all captives and prisoners in sin. Jesus had power to set Peter and Paul free from the earthly prison, so he has power to set the sinner free from the law of sin and death. Paul says, There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. Rom. 8:1, 2. Orthodoxy of opinion can never liberate us, priest-craft cannot, morality cannot; but the divine redeeming Christ can. Millions of every age gladly testify to his delivering power. Once in bondage of sin, now they are free. Christ has set them free. Read Psalm 103—, special verse 13.

THE TOIL OF SIN.

Henry Ward Beecher said, "There was a man in the town where I was born who used to steal all his firewood. He would get up on cold nights and go and take it from his neighbors wood piles. A computation was made, and it was ascertained that he spent more time and worked harder to get his fuel, than he would have been obliged to if he had earned it in an honest way, and at ordinary wages, and this thief is a type of thousands of men who work a great deal harder to please the devil than they would have to work to please God."

WORD TO PARENTS.

Dr. John C. Paton tells this experience while laboring in mission work in Glasgow. "In my mission district I was the witness of many joyful departures to be with Jesus—I do not like to call them "deaths" at all. John Sim, a dear little boy, was carried away by consumption. His child-heart seemed to be filled with joy about Jesus. It was the very pathos of the song incarnated to hear the weak quaver of his dying voice singing out

"I lay my sins on Jesus,
The Spotless Lamb of God."

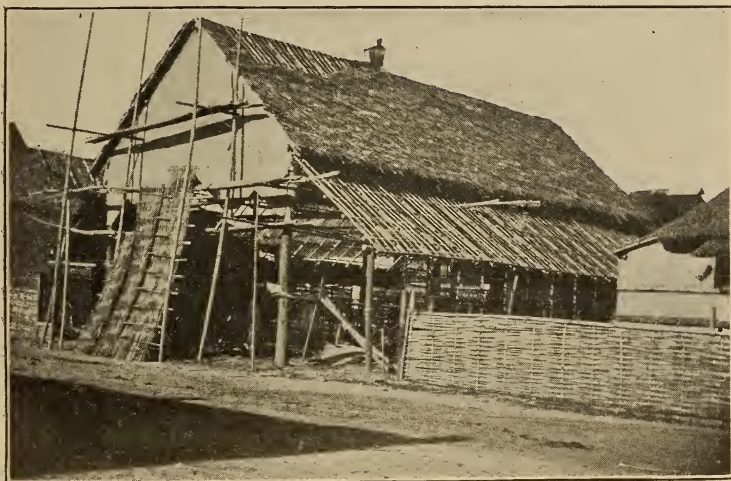
Shortly before his decease he said to his parents, "I am going soon to be with Jesus: but I sometimes fear that I may not see you there."

"Why so, my child?" said the weeping mother.

"Because," he answered, "if you were set on going to heaven, you would pray about it, and sing about it, and talk to others about Jesus. All this my dear Sabbath School teacher taught me, and she will meet me there." The little eight year old boy did not know what a message from God had pierced their souls through his innocent words.

THE CHURCH.

1. The Tabernacle. 1491 B. C. Moreover thou shalt make the tabernacle with ten curtains of fine twained linen, and blue, and purple and scarlet. Ex. 26:1.—2. The Temple, 1011 B. C. And it came to pass in the four hundredth and eightieth year after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month Zif, which is the second month, that he began to build the house of the Lord. 1 Kings 6:1.—Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I am the Lord. Lev. 19:30.—The first of the fruits of the land thou shalt bring into the house of the Lord thy God. Ex. 23:19.—3. The Church. A. D. 30. And I (Jesus) say unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock (me—Christ) I will build my church;



and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Matt. 16:18.—These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly: but if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth. 1 Tim. 3:14, 15.—Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. And all that believed were together, and had all things common; praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved. Acts 2:41, 44, 47.—That there should be no schism (division) in the body, but that the members should have the same care one for another. 1 Cor. 12:25.—For mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people. Isa. 56:7.—And said unto them, It is written, My

house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves. Matt. 21:13.—Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. Ps. 100:4.—For second Temple restored, see Ezra 1 and 3:1, 2; building suspended, Ezra chap. 4; resumed Ezra 4:24; finished, Ezra 6:13-15. Herod's temple, see Jno. 2:20, Mark 13:1, 2, Matt. 24:1.

At San Fernando, Pampanga Province. Methodist.

This is the first wholly constructed Protestant Church, so far as the writer is informed for the Philipines to worship in. It is under construction here. The material used is bamboo, except the main upright (wood) posts. The roof is nipa, a species of palm leaf, made into a sort of a shingle, and is tied to the strips of bamboo with rattan from the underside. Seats with backs and the pulpit were also made of bamboo. The ceiling is made of fine bamboo mat and the outside is covered with the coarse mat. It will seat about four hundred persons. When people turn to God through the finished work of Jesus Christ, it is necessary to establish the House of the Lord—the house of worship and prayer for them. Jesus came and died for sin. He gave us life, doctrines and power, and went away, leaving the church in human hands. He left the world to the church and the church to the world. The church at first was composed of only a few believers. He handed it over to them and went back to heaven and said to them, you must carry it on. Believers join in the ranks and work for the building up of God's Kingdom. That is your duty. Jesus depends upon you. The church will be just what the individual members make it—spirit-less or spirit-full, prayer-less or prayer-full, help-less or help-full. Which are you making it? Read 2 Cor. 6—, special verse 20.

ON STRONG FOUNDATIONS.

"Is it a strong congregation?" asked a man, respecting a body of worshippers.

"Yes," was the reply.

"How many members are there?"

"Seventy-six."

"Seventy-six! Are they so very wealthy?"

"No; they are poor."

"Why, then, do you say it is a strong church?"

"Because," said the man questioned, "they are earnest, devoted, at peace, loving each other and striving to do the Master's work. Such a congregation is strong whether composed of five or five hundred members."

FRUIT.

1. The fruit or works of the unchristian. Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, sedition, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. Matt. 7:20.—2. The fruit of the Christian. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. Gal. 5:19-23.—(For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness



and truth:) proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. Eph. 5:9, 10.—Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it that it may bring forth more fruit. Jno. 15:2.

Christ cursed the fig tree, because it did not bear fruit. Matt. 21:19.—The one principal idea running throughout the New Testament is the fruit of the Christian life. This is a typical Japanese fruit store, and exhibits a variety of the native fruits. Every life is a storehouse, and in it the unrighteous one has stored up the works that are given in Gal. 5:19-21, and the righteous the splendid fruit that is given in Gal. 5:22, 23.—This is what makes the Christian life happy and contented. This is the blessed fruit of the Holy Spirit living and abiding in him. The worldly person cannot understand this. They miss this part of life, and it is the real and enjoyable present portion. Read Jno. 15:1-15, special verse 10.

LIBERTY CAP.

But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible: but with God all things are possible. Matt. 19:26.—For with God nothing shall be impossible. Luke 1:37.—But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. Heb. 11:6.—But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. 1 Cor. 2:14.—For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. 1 Cor. 1:18.

The peculiar looking shaft is located near the Mammoth Hot



Springs in the Yellowstone Park, and is called Liberty Cap. It is 52 feet high and 22 feet in diameter at the base. It has an orifice at the top, and the inference is, that it has been an active geyser or spring at one time. It stands there all alone, and no one seems to understand its presence fully. However, it is there—a fact. People wonder and speculate over its strangeness, just like they do about the doctrines of the Holy Trinity, the Incarnation of Jesus, the Creation of man, Sin, and the New Birth, as Jesus taught Nicodemus in the third chapter of St. John's gospel. But the only conclusion to arrive at, is, that what is impossible with man, is possible with God, and that he fully understands all of these things. They are for man to manfully accept and he may fully understand them some time. Not now, but in the coming years—perhaps in eternity. If we could see everything clearly now there would be no faith, therefore no honor to God. Jesus saith unto him, Thom-

as, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet believed. Jno. 20:29.—Read Romans 8:1-15—, special verse 9.

THE GOSPEL.

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in the earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. Matt. 28:18, 19.—For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed?



and how shall they believe in him whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things. Rom. 10:13-15.—And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament: and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever. Dan. 12:3.—And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world, for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come. Matt. 24:14.

A little village school in Japan. They now have 2900 public schools for the children. Bright little boys and girls these are. They can read, write and cipher, and appear to be happy. I looked at their faces, and noted the odd dresses and saw their sparkling black eyes, and the fancy way the girls made up their hair, but the

thought came to me so forcibly, that they had a living soul to be saved, and yet not one of them knew Jesus as their Savior. No one had been to that place to tell them. Who will say like Isaiah of old did, "Here am I: send me." Isa. 6:8.—If you can not go, then you may help to send some one in your place. It is a great investment indeed to send the gospel to those who have not had the privilege of knowing about a Redeemer that loves them. Read Matt. 25:31-46.

THREE POINTS OF CONTRAST.

For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost. Luke 19:10. And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved. Acts 16:31.

A Chinese Christian thus described the relative merits of Confucianism, Buddhism and Christianity: "A man had fallen into a deep, dark pit, and lay in its miry bottom groaning and utterly unable to move. Confucius walked by, approached the edge of the pit, and said, 'Poor fellow, I am sorry for you: why were you such a fool as to get in there?' Let me give you a piece of advice: if you ever get out, don't get in again.' 'I can't get out,' groaned the man. THAT IS CONFUCIANISM.

A Buddhist priest next came by, and said, "Poor fellow, I am very much pained to see you there. I think if you could scramble up two-thirds of the way, or even half, I could reach you and lift you up the rest." But the man in the pit was entirely helpless and unable to rise. THAT IS BUDDHISM.

Next the Savior came by, and, hearing his cries, went to the very brink of the pit, stretched down and laid hold of the man, brought him up, and said, "Go, sin no more." THAT IS CHRISTIANITY.

YOUR DUTY.

And he said unto them, go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. Mark 16: 15, 16.

A clergyman was once asked by the Duke of Wellington, "How are you getting on with the propagation of the gospel abroad? Is there any chance of the Hindoos becoming Christians?" To which the clergyman replied, "Oh, no! I do not see anything doing there; I see no reason to suspect any work of the kind being successful." "Well," said the Duke, "What have you to do with that? What are your marching orders? Are they not, 'Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature'?" Do your duty, sir, and never mind results."

SERVICE.

And who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord. 1 Chron. 29:5.—With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men. Eph. 6:7.—Not slothful in business: fervent in spirit; serving the Lord. Rom. 12:11.—Serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews. Acts 20:19.—I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first. Rev. 2:19.—I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. Rom. 12:1.

The altitude of the Yellowstone Lake in Wyoming is nearly



8000 feet. The beautiful sky blue water is hemmed in by the tall rugged mountains. The travelers oftentimes become weary of journeying by wagon on the dusty road, so this boat is ever ready to carry them from Thumb Bay in the southern part to the northern point of the lake. It is ready for service and brings blessings to many. The worldly people serve the world and its master in their fullness. Eph. 2:1.—The Christian will serve his Lord and Master, Jesus Christ, with a joyful heart. God will turn the sacrifices and self-denials into blessings. "If you want to be miserable, think about yourself—about what you want, what you like, what respect people ought to pay to you, and what people think of you," so said Charles Kingsley.

"I live for those who love me,
For those who know me true,
For the heaven that smiles above me,

And awaits my spirit, too;
For the cause that lacks assistance,
For the wrong that needs resistance,
For the future in the distance,
And the good that I can do."—*Geo. L. Banks.*

SEEK ONE TO COME.

Arise ye and depart; for this is not your rest: because it is polluted, it shall destroy you, even with a sore destruction. Micah 2:10.—For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come. Heb. 13:14.—For he looketh for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God. But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to



be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city. Heb. 11:10, 16.

The Camp is a typical one of those who travel through the Yellowstone Park. Camping is permitted by the national government only one day at the same place, so it is always, move on. The unchristian is merely a wanderer. The Christian is traveling homeward. This world is not the Christians real home. He is living here temporarily as a foreign citizen, having no continuing city to abide in. They are just sojourning here for the time being, waiting for that blessed hope of eternity with God. Saint Paul says, "Now we are Ambassadors for Christ." 2 Cor. 5:20.—We know that the Ambassador resides in a foreign country, so we can say with the good poet:

"My heavenly home is bright and fair:
No pain nor death can enter there;

Its glittering towers the sun outshine;
That heavenly mansion shall be mine."

Read Psalm 126—, special verse 6.

DARKNESS TO LIGHT.

A land of darkness, as darkness itself; and of the shadow of death, without any order, and where the light is as darkness. Job 10:22.—Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the heart: and then shall every man have praise of God. 1 Cor. 4:5.—Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people. To give



light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. Luke 1:68, 79.—To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me. Acts 26:18.—And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. Jno. 3:19.—But ye are a chosen generation (the Christian), a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people, that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. 1 Pet. 2:9.—Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you: because darkness is past, and the true light now shineth. 1 Jno. 2:8.

Africa is called the "dark continent" because of the teeming millions of black people (negroes) that inhabit it, and are living in

the darkest kind of heathenism. Different governments of Europe have taken possession of most of the land, and are working to establish stable forms of government. The exhibit is that of German East Africa at the St. Louis Fair. It showed progress especially on agricultural lines. Notice the warrior chief (imitated) a relic of barbarism. Also the fine elephant tusks. The larger one is about nine feet in length. The Christian churches are carrying the Gospel (Good News) to these benighted people. Establishing schools, and planting the printing press for them, so they may have opportunities the same as other nations of the earth. How admirable the work! Many of the warrior chiefs are laying down their worldly warring weapons, and are accepting a different weapon, the "Holy Bible." This brings them into a different relation with their fellowmen. It brings love instead of the club. It gives life and light in place of darkness and superstition.

"Brother, for Christ's kingdom sighing,
 Help a little, help a little;
 Help to save the millions dying,
 Help just a little.
 O the wrongs that we may righten,
 O the hearts that we man lighten!
 O the skies that we may brighten!
 Helping just a little."

Read Psalms 22 and 23.

What is the use of religious profession if Jesus is out of it?

We will have to fight the devil with the cradle, and get ten minutes ahead of him by bringing the children to Jesus in their early days.

You may have the streets of gold and the walls of jasper, but that would not be Heaven for me if I hadn't Christ and those I love.

I wonder whether, if Jesus Christ came to some of our churches where they are looking for a pastor, He would be invited to fill the vacant pulpit.

St. Paul's Cathedral is nothing but a glorified quarry if Christ be out of it, and my old Gypsy tent is a cathedral when Christ is in it. Christ makes the temple.

God can open the blind eye, or unstop the deaf ear, or paint a lily-bell, or form a dewdrop, or create the trill of the bird song, or open the gates of the morning without a creak of their hinges, or set an atom swinging in the sunshine with all its rhythm and poetry, as much as control the movement of a constellation; but He can save no man against his will.—Gipsy Smith.

TRUST.

Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the Lord our God. Ps. 20:7.—In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed: deliver me in thy righteousness. Ps. 31:1.—Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Ps. 37:3.—The righteous shall be glad in the Lord, and shall trust in him, and all the upright in heart shall glory. Ps. 64:10. — Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him. Job. 13:15.—Thus saith the Lord; cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart is departed from the Lord. Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. Jer.



17:5, 7.—The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him. Nahum. 1:7.

This train is a very interesting one indeed. It runs from Deadwood, South Dakota, whose altitude is 4539 feet and climbing up the mountains to the height of nearly 6425 feet and down the other side to Spearfish, which has an altitude of 3647 feet. The distance is about 15 miles air line, but the train goes about 45 miles. It is a narrow gauge road, and it seemed to be nearly all curves (375 in thirty miles) about the mountains. The pitch is generally 100 feet to the mile and often 200 feet. One had to almost hold the breath, and surely his hat and his seat. At times I thought the engineer had gone mad. It was now upon the mountain top, and then down into the valley. At every curve one would wonder if the thing would jump the track, or run into the mountain ahead. In all my travels I never got into such a

winding mix-up as this experience. The inward and outward fears were tremendous for awhile. The conductor quieted our sensitive feelings by saying, "Don't fear! that engineer knows his business. He's the only man that has run this train since the road was built." How like the Christian life! Jesus is running the train of Eternal Life heavenward for his own people, and he is at the throttle. He commands them, "Follow me." He may carry them over some high and rough places, and down into many valleys, but he knows the way. It is necessary to trust to his wisdom, power, and skill to run the train through in safety. See how beautiful St. Paul expressed his confidence, "For I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." 2 Tim. 1:12. Read Psalm 90—, special verse 17.

This grace of silence under trial is one of the most rare and difficult graces; but it is one of the most pleasing to God, and most conducive to strength and beauty of Christian character.

None of us loves to suffer, and we all shudder at the sight of the probe or the amputating knife. But when the infinite Love is engaged in cutting out a selfish lust or cutting off a diseased limb, our duty is to submit.

"Keep still, my friend," says the surgeon to the patient in the hospital; "for restlessness may produce false cuts and aggravate the process."

If the brave fellow is wise, he will say, "Doctor, go as deep as you choose; only be sure to fetch out the bullet."

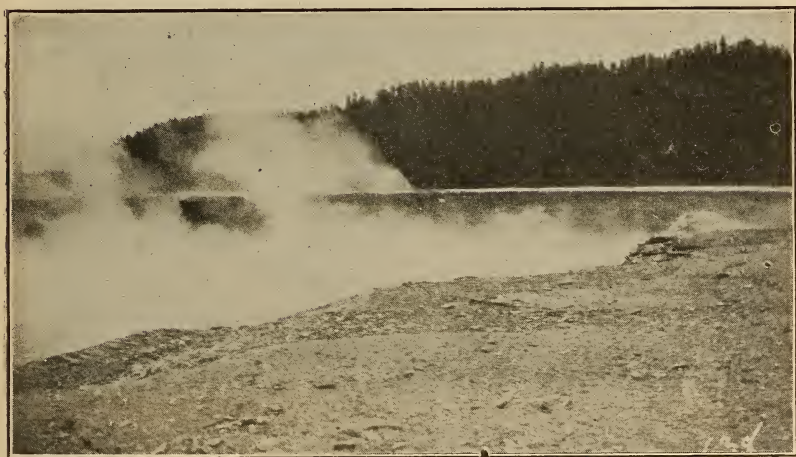
Ah, the battlefield often requires less courage than the hospital! The onset of service, with drum beating and bugles sounding, does not so test the mettle of our graces as to be thrown down wounded, or to be commanded to lie still and suffer. To shout a battle-cry at the mouth of the cannon is easier than to put our hands on our mouths and be silent because God did it. If he is silent as to explanations of trying providences, let us be silent in our filial submission. God knows what is best for us—that is enough.—Theodore L. Cuyler, D. D.

SURE FAITH.

Thomas Carlyle, shortly before his death, said: "I am now an old man, and am done with the world. Looking around me, before and behind me, and weighing all as wisely as I can, it seems to me there is nothing solid to rest on but the faith which I learned in my 'old home, and from my mother's lips." And there is nothing else. Modern substitutes for "the faith once for all delivered to the saints" are worthless.

THE WICKED.

Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of the evil men. Prov. 4:14.—Many sorrows shall be to the wicked. Ps. 32:10.—For there shall be no reward to the evil man; the candle of the wicked shall be put out. For their calamity shall rise suddenly, and who knoweth the ruin of them both? Prov. 24:20, 22.—Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou shalt be cut off. Rom. 11:22.—For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and sinner appear? 1 Pet. 4:17, 18.—There is no peace, saith my God to the wicked.



Isa. 57:21.—But it shall not be well with the wicked, neither shall he prolong his days, which are as a shadow; because he feareth not before God. Eccles. 8:13.—So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just. Matt. 13:49.—Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; that the wicked turn from his way and live. Ezek. 33:11.—And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire. Rev. 20:14, 15. See Prov. 10:2, 7, 16, 20, 24, 27, 28.—Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will

have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. Isa. 55:7.

The place out of which the steam is rising, is in the Yellow stone Park, and is called "Hell's half-acre." It is a geyser (Excelsior) which has been so violent in its explosions, as to form a large pit, possibly thirty feet deep, and half an acre in extent. The water in it is always sizzling, boiling, and madly gushing, as though the whole underworld was afire, and all was trying to escape at this one place. I walked around it with another man, who was just what we commonly call a morally good fellow, but had not given much serious thought about the future life. He said he did not belong to any Church, but managed to go once in a while for appearance sake, as a good many do. When we got about half way round it, he said, using his own venacular, "That's hell isn't it?" "No," I replied, "that is probably only a foretaste and warning of what is reserved for the wicked, who reject God's mercy, his love, and his redemption provided through Jesus Christ." The life of the wicked shall be shortened. Ps. 55:23.—Even the desire of the wicked shall perish. Ps. 112:10.—He is not at peace with God at any time. His word has gone forth forever. It shall stand. No man can undo it. Hell is a very real place. God has not made anything for a sham. Good water and bad water do no live in the well at the same time, neither shall the righteous, and the unrighteous, in the future world. Every one is given a fair opportunity in this world to prepare for eternity. God calls to you.

"Make haste, O man, to live,
For thou so soon must die;
Time hurries past thee like the breeze;
How swift its moments fly!
Make haste, O man, to live,
Thy time is almost o'er;
O sleep not, dream not, but arise,
The Judge is at the door!"

How shall we escape, if we neglect so great a salvation? . Heb. 2:3.—Read 2 Kings 20:1-6, special verse 5.

THE BRAKES.

Out in the Rocky Mountains there was a stage driver who had driven down the mountain sides for forty years. He had lived a godless life. He came to the hour of death. His friends watching near him saw that he was grasping after something, it seemed in despair. They asked him, "Bill, what is the matter?" He exclaimed, "Boys, I am speeding down hill to hell and I can not find the brakes."

OUT OF THE LITTLE COMES THE GREATER.

And the Lord God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent (devil) beguiled me, and I did eat. And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life. Gen. 3:13, 17.—Out of one act of disobedience has come the sin, sickness and sorrow in this world. 2. Out of the little covetousness, and one untruth, Gehazi, the servant of Elisha became a miserable leper. See 2 Kings 5:20-22, 27.—3. And immediately the Lord smote him (Herod) because he gave not God the glory; and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost. Acts 12:23.—



Out of the little selfish act of taking the glory, belonging to God, to himself, this king met his miserable doom. 4. But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Spirit? And Ananias hearing these words fell down and gave up the ghost. Acts 5:3-5.—Out of one lie to God this man and his wife lost their lives. 5. Now he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that is he: hold him fast. Matt. 26:48.—Out of this deceitful kiss of Judas, came the betrayal of Jesus, the Savior of sinful men. 1. Behold, when we come into the land, thou shalt bind this scarlet thread in the window which thou didst let us down by: and thou shalt bring thy father, and thy mother, and thy brethren, and all thy father's household, home unto thee. And the young men that were spies went in, and brought out Rahab, etc. Josh. 2:18, and 6:23.—Out of an act of kindness of this woman Rahab to God's people, she and her kindred were saved at

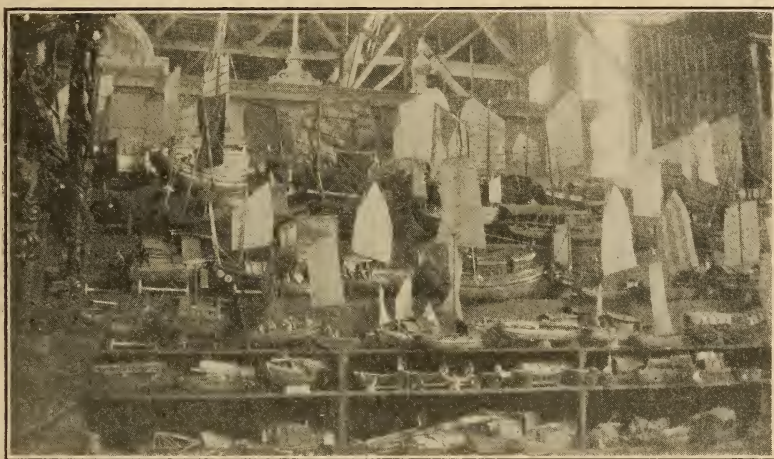
the destruction of Jericho. It is always better to be on God's side. 2. Then went he (Naaman) down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: (Elisha) and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. 2 Kings 6:14.—Out of simple obedience to God's word, this great man, a leper, received this marvellous blessing. 3. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all thy children? There remaineth yet the youngest, and he tendeth sheep. And he sent, and brought him in. Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward. 1 Sam. 16:11-13.—Out of this ruddy shepherd boy came the great King David. 4. And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he looked unto the serpent of brass, he lived. Num. 21:9.—Out of a sincere look showing faith in God's power, life was saved. 5. She shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins. Matt. 1:21.—Out of the little babe Jesus came the only hope for the Redemption of this world from Sin. 6. And he (the thief) said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To-day shalt thou be with me in Paradise. Luke 23:42, 43.—Out of sincere repentance, this thief was forgiven his sins, and made fit to enter into heaven. It was undoubtedly the first opportunity he had had to hear of Redemption through Jesus Christ. There is no excuse for a man to live all his life in sin, after he has heard the Gospel so often, and then at the very last moment ask God for forgiveness. 7. And Saul was consenting unto his (Stephen's) death. Acts 8:1.—I (Paul) am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live: yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. Gal. 2:20.—Out of this Saul—the wicked ruffian persecutor of the Christians came that great noble-hearted christian life we commonly call Paul.

These are Christian girls in the Mission School at Hakodate, Japan. They are spinning silk. A few of the cocoons are on the chair. Out of the mulberry leaf the little silk-worm makes its tiny fiber, and then weaves it into the little cocoon. The girls place the cocoons into a kettle of hot water, which loosens the fibers, and then they spin it onto the reel. From this silk they are making a large American flag for their school. So we see that out of the little leaf comes the beautiful flag. Out of the little things of life—whether good or evil, come the larger, either more debased and depraved without Christ unto eternal death, or more noble and beautiful with Christ unto life eternal. Yes, God can take our miserable, sinful lives and make them into new, hopeful, loving, obedi-

ent, and worshipping ones. Will we let him have a chance to do it? Eph. 2—, special verse 8.

SHIPS.

The Ark-ship of salvation. Gen. 6:13-22.—The ships of peace and good will—for commerce and passengers. Jonah 1:3, Isa. 60:9, Acts 21:3.—For ferriage. 2. Sam. 19:18.—For fishing. Luke 5:7.—Life boats. Acts 27:30-32.—Warships. Num. 24:24.—Now there are diversities of gifts, but by the same Spirit. And there are differences of administration, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to



every man to profit withal. 1 Cor. 12:4-7.—And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues. But covet earnestly the best gifts. 1 Cor. 12:28-31.

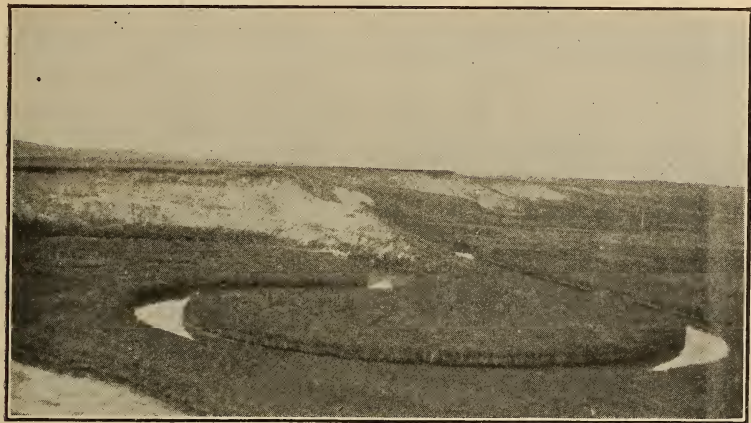
There are many kinds of ships in the world to-day made of wood and steel. All of them are built for definite purposes. The one is not intended to do the work of the other. These are models exhibited at the St. Louis Fair, of the Chinese ships. There is the little ship or boat for fishing, and is very unpretentious in appearance, but it does its part in the work of life. Then there is the crafty little vessel that plies up and down the river, carrying its cargo and passengers from port to port. It just suits for that purpose. The ferry-boat runs between the ports on either side of the

river. The weather, whether of rain or sunshine makes no difference, for it is always at its place ready for the task assigned to it day by day. Sometimes its burden is very heavy, but does the work cheerfully when possibly it would have good ground for complaint. Then there is that playful little tug-boat which seems to have no regularly planned out daily work, but skips about over the water hither and thither, dodging around the larger craft, to keep from being run down, seeking for something to do. It finds a stranded vessel on the sand-bar, or an accident has happened to some other ship, or probably one of the big ships cannot push into port because the water is too shallow, then it is right at home to help in time of trouble. To be sure it does a lot of whistling, pulling, puffing, and twisting about, but it tugs away until it rescues the helpless one, and goes on its way rejoicing, looking for another opportunity to do good. Then there is also the coasting ship which travels from port to port along the coast. It is not large in comparison with other ships, and it never ventures very far from the shore line for fear of the heavy storms of the sea, but it willingly does its part in the battle of life. We can see spinning her way across the great ocean the ship of peace and good will—the Big Liner. She is long enough, wide enough and sets deep enough into the water to weather most any kind of a storm. She carries her burden of three thousand living souls, and twenty thousand tons of cargo. She could not do the work of the little river boat if she tried ever so hard. She is happy and contented ploughing her way through the mighty foaming and fretting waves. The ship of War spans the mighty deep to the four points of the compass. She goes on her journey around the world, saluting Kings and Emperors of many lands. She goes on her mission with authority to enforce and power to protect her rights in the event of danger from an enemy. She carries a great responsibility. God has a plan for every man in this life, and the thing necessary for him, is to enter into that plan. The first part of it is to serve Him. Matt. 22:37.—The second part is to serve his fellow-men. Matt. 22:39.—He makes his people spiritual ships, and each one has a definite work to do for His glory. The question is, What kind of a ship does He want me to be? Even the little canoe is often a great blessing, but we must not be satisfied to be a canoe in life, when He would have us to be a fishing boat. We must not bend and twist our conscience to feel that we would rather be a coasting vessel, when He would have us to be an Ocean Liner or a Warship to carry heavy burdens for Him, and uphold His truth with power and love. Do not try to be a warship when He plans for you to be a canoe. Jesus says, “Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you. Jno. 15:16.—Some people pray, Oh, to be nothing! It should be, Oh, to be something! The canoe may look up and say, “I’ve done my

best." The Big Liner can only reply, "I've done my best." Read Isa. 6—, special verse 8.

MARKED AND SEALED.

And the lord set a mark upon Cain, (the wicked) lest any finding him would kill him. Gen 4:15.—And the Lord said unto him, (the prophet) go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of them that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof. Eze. 9:4.—That we should be to the praise of his glory who first trusted in Christ, in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise. Eph. 1:13.—Who hath also sealed us and given the earnest of the Spirit



in our hearts. 2 Cor. 1:22.—And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Eph. 4:30.—And Jesus, when he was baptized, went straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: and lo a voice from heaven, saying, this is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Matt. 3:16, 17.

On railway cars you will always see a trade mark. When the car is loaded and the door closed, it is then sealed. One of the railway companies has adopted this curious shaped emblem for their trade mark. Curious Creek is a small stream running quietly through Hayden Valley, Yellowstone Park. The windings at this place are strangely remarkable. As these companies mark and seal their cars so that they may know their property wherever it may be found, so God marks and seals people upon the earth.

He sets his mark upon the wicked and upon the righteous. He knows them by the special marks and seals that each one of them carry. He seals his Redeemed with his Holy Spirit. I give unto them eternal life. Jno. 16:28.—My peace, I give unto you. Jno. 14:27.—That my joy might remain in you. Jno. 15:11.—“If ye love me keep my commandments” says Jesus. Love to him and life, peace and joy from him are the peculiar marks of God’s people. He that doeth the will of God abideth forever. 1 Jno. 2:17.—Read 1 Peter 2—, special verse 17.—

A PROUD FATHER.

Twenty years ago a discouraged young doctor in one of our large cities was visited by his father, who came up from a rural district to look after his boy.

“Well, son,” he said, “how are you getting along?”

“I’m not getting along at all,” was the answer. “I’m not doing a thing.”

The old man’s countenance fell, but he spoke of courage and patience and perseverance. Later in the day he went with his son to the “Free Dispensary,” where the young man had an unsalaried position.

The father sat by, a silent but intensely interested spectator, while twenty-five poor unfortunates received help. The doctor forgot his visitor while he bent his skilled energies to his task; but hardly had the doctor closed on the last patient when the old man burst forth: “I thought you told me that you were not doing anything! Not doing anything! Why, if I had helped twenty-five people in a month as much as you have in one morning I would thank God that my life counted for something.”

“There isn’t any money in it, though,” exclaimed the son, somewhat abashed.”

“Money!” the old man shouted, still scornfully. “What is money in comparison with being of use to your fellow-man? Never mind the money; you go right along at this work every day. I’ll go back to the farm, and gladly earn enough to support you as long as I live.

A GREAT LOVE.

“It takes great love to stir a human heart

To live beyond the others and apart,

A love that is not shallow, is not small,

Is not for one or two, but for them all.

Love that can wound love for its higher need,

Love that can leave love, though the heart may bleed.”

THE WORLD.

Again, the devil taketh him (Jesus) up into an exceedingly high mountain, and sheweth Him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; and saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. St. Matt. 4: 8, 9.—For what is a man profited, if he gain the whole world, and lose his soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? Matt. 16:26.—For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. 1 Cor. 1:21.—Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. Jas, 4:4.—And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in 'wickedness. 1 John 5:19.



—Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 1 John 2:15.—Men of the world, which have their portion in this world. Ps. 17:14.—The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. John 1:29.

It seems somewhat strange that such a name as Deadwood should be given to a City. However, Deadwood, South Dakota, sets in, and fills up a valley with its hotels, stores, factories, and many of the homes are built upon the sides of the mountains. The mountain scenery surrounding it is beautiful, and taken all together, is picturesque. Much wealth is represented here, because of the rich mines. As one would climb the mountain heights, it appeared to be a little world shut in to itself. Jesus was taken

to the top of the mount, and was offered the world, if he would only fall down and worship the Satanic prince. Many are willing to worship him for the benefits of this present world. While on the mountain top, and looking out over all its riches, the words of Jesus came to my mind that, "What would it profit a man to gain all that this represents—the social life, money life, and political life, and lose his own soul?" These are all perishable things. One may gain all of them, and yet have a deep longing for something that is still unsatisfied. Something more enduring, something eternal: something that satisfies the hungering soul. Jesus said to the people, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger. Jno. 6:35. He is the true satisfying portion for the soul. God's love cannot dwell where the love of the world dwells. The one you desire most will push out the other in your life. Read Matt. 25:1-14, special verse 13.

A man lost his footing and fell from the top story of a skyscraper window. As he passed each story in his headlong flight he cried into the windows: "All right so far." But he hit the bottom, and he hit hard. That was the end. When a man lets go of God he begins to fall, as certainly as did the man in the skyscraper, and he will hit the bottom just as surely, though he is a little longer on the trip, and it's going to hurt. When a youth begins to break away from home influences, he is just slipping over the sill, and the precipice is ahead of him if he lets go. The end may be delayed, but it is there, and he'll hit the bottom and hit hard. When a girl becomes restive under the restraints of a loving home, she is edging perilously near the sky-scraper window. When spiritual things begin to grow dim and this world looms up in undue proportions, and the voice of the Master is but faintly heard in the soul, a man is casting longing eyes toward that window. He cannot see the end of the way any more than the man could see the bottom when he started to fall, but it was there, and he hit it. He may sail along smoothly, and for many a day his song may be, "All right so far"; but he is falling, and will hit the bottom as surely as did the sky-scraper man. And he is going to get hurt.

The only safe way is to keep your grip on God.

The best of men and the most earnest workers will make enough of mistakes to keep them humble. Thank God for mistakes and take courage. Don't give up on account of mistakes.—Moody.

THE WAY.

Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. Matt. 7:13, 14. Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. Jno. 14:6.—The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew us the way of salvation. Acts 16:17.—And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly. Acts 18:26.—The way of the transgressor is



hard. Prov. 13:15.—And many shall follow their own pernicious ways: by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam, the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness; for it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. 2 Pet. 2:2, 15, 21.—Teach me thy way, O Lord, I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name. Ps. 86:11.—

This is an instructive scene. With the ever increasing population on our Pacific Coast, and the extension of commerce with the Eastern countries, our Government deemed it necessary to have coaling stations in Japan, whose ports were closed to the foreigner. In 1852 Commodore Perry in command of several warships, was sent to treat with the Sunrise nation. After some

difficulty a treaty was concluded with them to open certain ports to the foreigner. The Government set apart certain portions of these ports (Cities) where the strangers should reside, separating them because of the feeling of antipathy against them by the natives. This is one of the busy streets of Yokohama. The narrow crescent shaped hill was the place designated for all the new-comers to live. Even now, there is still a noticeable prejudice against the stranger in some parts, yet he is free to travel anywhere without being molested. It has been beautified, and is surely a delightful place to make a home. Here we have our Navy Hospital and Missionary Schools. The one hundred steps lead to the top of the bluff. This was quite an interesting place to me. I often thought that this represented the world. The narrow way up the hill represents the way of life. The people in the broad street are so busily engaged that hardly a thought is given to the all important question of Eternity. The words of Jesus made a deeper impression on my mind than ever before, when he said, Narrow is the way, and few there be that enter into life. Satan is the downward way. Jesus is the upward way. Which one have you chosen? Read Heb. 10—, special verse 29.

NEVER MIND.

"Sometimes, when nothing goes just right,
 And worry reigns supreme,
 When heartache fills the eyes with mist,
 And all things useless seem,
 There's just one thing can drive away
 The tears that scald and blind—
 Someone to slip a strong arm 'round,
 And whisper, "Never mind."

No one has ever told just why
 Those words such comfort bring,
 Nor why that whisper makes our cares
 Depart on hurried wing;
 Yet troubles say a quick "Good-day!"—
 We leave them far behind—
 When someone slips an arm around,
 And whispers, "Never mind."

—Unknown.

I was never happy till I gave up trying to be a great man, and was willing to be nobody.—*Payson*.

ALL SUFFICIENT.

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Matt. 6:33.—But my God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Phil. 4:19.—And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work. 2 Cor. 9:8.—I have been young, and now am old: yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread. Ps. 37:25.—Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves, but our sufficiency is of God. 2 Cor. 3:5.

I call this man a Japanese walking restaurant. He carries



quite a load. Note the round rice chest on the top. The rice is always kept warm and ready to serve. There seems to be a never-ending supply. The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof. Ps. 24:1.—The children of God are those who have been reconciled to Him through the redeeming work of Jesus Christ. They seek God's kingdom first and receive from him the needful things of life; but the worldly man seeks the additions and leaves God out of the matter. What he gets from the world he will not be able to carry out of the world with him at the final settlement. So what shall he profit? Mark 8:36. God is fully able to provide for his children their needs, but he does not promise to supply all they might want. Do you seek His kingdom, and do you receive from his bountiful store house the good things he has for you? What do you need? More faith, more love to God and your fellow-men, more patience, more courage,

more bread and butter? If you do, Jesus said, "Ask and ye shall receive; seek, and ye shall find." Matt. 7:7. Read Joshua 23—, special verse 11.

LOVE TO JESUS.

And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour. Eph. 5:2.—Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father. Gal. 1:4.—One cold morning, in a street in London, a boy might have been seen ragged and miserable-looking. A gentleman passing was struck with his hungry appearance and abject looks; and after a few questions had been asked and answered, the promise of food and shelter for the day induced the boy to consent to attend a ragged school not far off, though the condition that he should also learn was not so attractive to him. Poor fellow! he had never known a mother's love, and his father was a drunkard, and paid little heed to him. The story of Jesus and His love came to him as a new and wonderful thing. He had never heard it before. Gradually the light shone into his soul, and it was evident to all around that Willie was indeed one of Jesus' little ones. He had carried such a well-spring of happiness about with him, that even his miserable home seemed brighter. One evening he sat singing to himself—

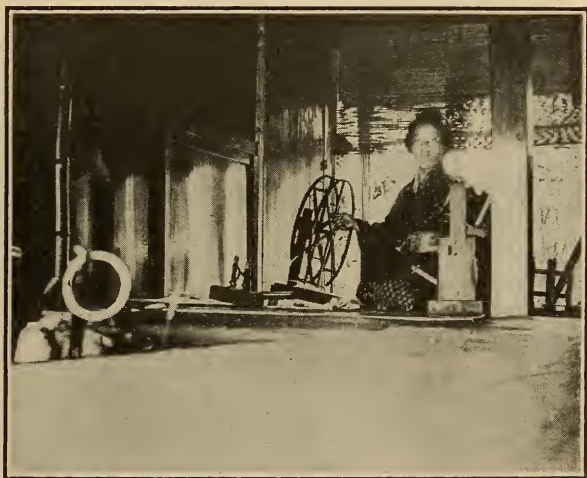
"I am glad that Jesus loves me!"

"Stop that!" roared his father, and Willie was silent: but soon, with the forgetfulness of children, began again, "I am so glad." This time he was ordered to bed: and though he went quietly enough the words kept singing in his head, "Jesus loves me," and he felt he could not be unhappy now that was true. In the middle of the night he was awakened by hearing his name called, "Willie," Willie, sing that again." Could it be a dream? No, there sat his father beside his bed. So Willie sat up and sang the hymn." "Is it all true, Willie?" "Quite true, father; Jesus died for you and me, so he must love us." "Willie, could you pray for me?" "I don't know quite what to say, father." "Say I'm the biggest sinner on earth, but I want Jesus to love me and make me good." With his arms clasped round his father's neck, Willie prayed, "Lord Jesus, this is my father, and he says he has been very wicked. O Lord Jesus, make him fit to live with thee in heaven, and teach him to love Thee." Little Willie's prayer was answered. His father got forgiveness and peace and joy he now so earnestly sought.

THE DAILY SPIN.

I will make him an help meet for him. Gen. 2: 18.—She layeth her hands to the spindle and her hands hold the distaff. She maketh herself coverings of tapestry, her clothing is silk and purple. Prov. 31:19,22. "A cheerful temper, joined with innocence, will make beauty attractive, knowledge delightful, and wit good natured. It will lighten sickness and affliction," said Addison.

"Spin cheerfully, not tearfully,
Though wearily you plod;
Spin carefully, spin prayerfully,
But leave the thread with God.



Japanese woman at her daily task in her home.

The shuttles of His purpose move
To carry out His own design,
Seek not too soon to disapprove
His work, nor yet assign
Dark motives, when, with silent dread,
For lo! within each darker thread
There twines a thread of gold.

Spin cheerfully, not tearfully,
He knoweth the way you plod;
Spin carefully, spin prayerfully,
But leave the thread with God."

Read Galatians 3—, special verse 24.

LITTLE THINGS.

For who hath despised the day of small things? Zech. 4:10.—For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept: line upon line, line upon line: here a little, and there a little. Isa. 28:10.—A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked. Ps. 37:16.—And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of the least of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward. Matt. 10:42.

A Persian Proverb says, "Do little things now: so shall big things come to thee by and by, asking to be done." He who waits to do a great deal of good at once will never do anything, so said



Dr. Johnson. Life is made up of little things. It is very seldom that an occasion is offered to one for doing a great deal at one time. One drop of water helps to swell the ocean. It is the single grains that make the heap. Seconds make the hour. From the little acorn planted in the ground comes the great oak tree. This is the way the Japanese sprinkle the streets. The King by a word may move armies or save the life of a condemned man, but this man in his humble way brings blessings to thousands of people. If God gives us little tasks, let us be content to do the little. Read 2 Tim. 2—, special verse 19.

I don't believe that the way to make a man love heaven is to disgust him with earth. Let us love all that is bright and beautiful and good in this world.—Beecher.

SOWING.

Behold, a sower went forth to sow. Matt. 13:3.—Thou shalt not sow thy seed with mingled seed. Lev. 19:19.—Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit. Lev. 26:4.—Be not deceived: God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. Gal. 6:7.—Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy, break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the Lord, till he come and rain righteousness upon you. Hosea 10:12.

All through the Bible we find that the Holy Spirit through his writers uses the natural common place things of life to set be-



fore man certain things. Jesus also said, "The sower went forth to sow." This will appeal to the mind of man at once, for we see it in actual practice every year. This man lives in northern Minnesota. He is sowing oats. He will harvest, thirty, sixty, and maybe an hundred fold. Matt. 13:23. I opened the seed box, and said to the farmer, "You are sowing a lot of wild oats, too." "Yes," he replied. "I didn't have time to separate it, and I expect we will get more of that than anything else at harvest time." The wilful sower of folly! This wild oats is very pernicious and perserving. It is sown. It grows, and chokes out the good. Then the farmer becomes angry with it, because it has treated him so meanly. He says, "I will destroy it. I will plow it under so deep that it cannot possibly grow." He does so. The wild seeds laugh at him and

say, "We will just rest until he plows again." He keeps them under a year, or probably five years or more. "Now," he says to himself, "I reckon it will be safe to plow that field. He plows and sows again, but that bad seed is now turned to light, so it grows, too. One morning he goes out to inspect his crop, and finds this wild oats several inches taller than the good oats, stealing the nutriment from the ground which the good needs for its supply. He is pained by the sight of it. He suffers the consequences of his own folly of the first sowing. Other seeds would rot, but this does not. So it is in life. (The heart is the seed-box, and we will sow whatever it has in it. Sower Divine, plow up and fill this heart of mine. If we wilfully sow wild oats—meanness, hatred, cruelty, and dishonesty to man, and disobedience to God and his laws, we shall suffer therefrom. But if we sow the good—kindness, love, and honesty to man, and obedience to God, we shall receive accordingly the good.

"We are sowing, ever sowing,
In the paths where others move,
And the harvest that shall follow,
Shall a bane or blessing prove;
Are we sowing thorns and thistles,
That shall pierce the traveler's feet,
Or the seeds of love and mercy
That shall make existence sweet?"

Read Matt. 5:13-20, special verse 20.

WOMAN'S LOOKS.

Someone once asked a woman how it was she kept her youth so wonderfully. Her hair was snowy white, she was eighty years old, and her energy was waning; but she never impressed one with the idea of age, for her heart was still young in sympathy and interests. And this was her answer: "I knew how to forget disagreeable things. I tried to master the art of saying pleasant things. I did not expect too much of my friends. I kept my nerves well in hand, and did not allow them to bore other people, I tried to find any work that came to hand congenial. I retained the illusions of my youth, and did not believe 'every man a liar,' and every woman spiteful. I did my best to relieve the misery I came in contact with, and sympathized with the suffering. In fact, I tried to do to others as I would be done by, and you see me in consequence reaping the fruits of happiness, and a peaceful old age."

REAPING.

And your threshing shall reach unto the vintage, and the vintage shall reach unto the sowing time: and ye shall eat your bread to full, and dwell in your land safely. Lev. 26:5.—He that soweth iniquity shall reap vanity: and the rod of his anger shall fail. Prov. 22:8.—For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind: it hath no stalk: the bud shall yield no meal; if so be it, the stranger shall swallow it up. Hosea. 8:7.—Ye have plowed wickedness, ye have reaped iniquity, ye have eaten the fruit of lies: because thou didst trust in thy way, in the multitude of thy mighty men. Hosea 10:13.—And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that



both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. Jno. 4:36.—But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. 2 Cor. 9:6.

There is the sowing, reaping and threshing time. In some places reaping and threshing are done at the same time, so we will put them together to mean the same here. Here they are threshing. If the farmer desires to reap good grain he must sow good grain. If he should sow wild oats or other bad seed with it, he will reap accordingly. The wicked hearted people naturally sow in this world wicked deeds, and acts, and will consequently reap a full harvest of their own folly and wickedness at the end of time. The Christian will faithfully endeavor to sow things of heaven, so that he may reap heaven with all its blessings. What will you reap? Read Matt. 6:19-33, special verse 33.

RECONCILIATION.

Therefore being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: For if when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. Rom. 5:1, 10.—And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation. 2 Cor. 5:18.—Having abolished in his flesh the enmity even the law of commandments contained in ordinances: for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace: and that he (Jesus) might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross having slain the enmity thereof. Eph. 2:15, 16.—And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself: by him I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. Col. 1:20.—Wherefore in all things it behoved him (Jesus) to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. Heb. 2:17.

It was in the country and in the same community in which I lived, that an elderly lady died. She had a large family of children and many relatives. The most of them had been citizens of the community the greater part of their lives, and prospered. But somehow the children fell to quarrelling about money matters, until relations became so strained among them that one-half would not speak to the other half. It was heart-breaking to the parents to undergo such trials, and hastened both of them to their graves. One day the physician told the mother that she only had a few hours to remain in this earthly tabernacle. She sent for all her children. They gathered in her room. It was a heart-searching time for all. There was no time for beautifully colored words. She began to whisper each of their names, and they gathered about her bed, and she had them to place their right hands together over her dying body. Apologies and forgivenesses flowed in streams from hearts to hearts, and were expressed in tears. Malice and envy took their flight. Every heart was melted and friendship restored. What the mother could not do in life, she accomplished in her death. They were reconciled. What Jesus could not do in his life, he did do in his death upon the Cross.

CARELESS.

Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help; and stay on horses, and trust in chariots, because they are many; and in horsemen, because they are strong; but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek the Lord. Isa. 31:1.—They have not set God before them. Ps. 54:13.—And they consider not in their hearts that I (God) remember all their wickedness: now their own doings have beset them about; they are before my face. Hosea. 7:12.—*Lo, this is the man that made not God his strength, but trusted in the abundance of his riches, and strengthened himself in his wickedness.* Ps. 52:7.—There is a way which seemeth right unto man, but the end thereof *are* the ways of death. Prov. 14:12.—Boast not thyself of tomorrow, for thou knowest not what a



day may bring forth. Prov. 27:1.—Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of the heart. Eph. 4:18.—For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. Jno. 3:16.

This is just the way some are going through this world. The cowboys are represented doing a town. It is a scene of statuary work in the main plaza of the Portland Fair. The beautiful bed of flowers right in front of them. It seems that the very next leap of the horses will be right onto that lovely spot. So do many trample on God's wonderful love in the journey through this life. The wise man counseled us with very strong words when he says, "He that being often reprov'd and hardeneth his neck (refusing

counsel) shall suddenly be destroyed and that without remedy. Prov. 29:1. Think of it, without any remedy thereafter. Read Ex. 8:16-32, and 10:1.

AN IMPOSSIBLE EFFORT.

A young man who died some years ago uttered this last vain request: "Give me back my influence." When John Newton was on board "The Harwich," he led a young man into infidelity. Years after he was converted, he tried to unto the wrong he had done, but without success. His mis-spent influence was gone forever, and its fruits were past recall. Many a Christian would revise the influence of his early years, but finds in the summing up that what he has written is written indelibly, that he cannot make amends.

THE BOY THAT DEWEY PRAISED.

The following story of Admiral Dewey is told by one of the sailors who returned on the Raleigh: Just before the battle of Manila, when the order was given to strip for action, the smallest powder-boy on the flagship accidentally dropped his coat overboard. He asked permission to jump after it, but was refused. He went to the side of the ship, dropped overboard, recovered his coat, and was promptly arrested for disobedience. Admiral Dewey spoke kindly to the youngster, who broke down and said that the coat contained his mother's picture, which he had just kissed, and he could not bear to see it lost. Dewey's eyes filled with tears; he fairly embraced the boy and ordered him released, saying, "Boys who love their mothers enough to risk their lives for her picture cannot be kept in irons on this fleet."

AN HONOR.

The Philadelphia Ledger says that J. Sterling Morton, President Cleveland's secretary of agriculture, had inscribed on his deceased wife's tombstone the following: "Caroline French, Wife of J. Sterling Morton, and Mother of Joy, Paul, and Mark Morton." He then took the lads to the cemetery, showed them the inscription, and said: "If one of you ever does anything dishonorable, or of which your mother would be ashamed, were she alive, I will chisel your name from this tombstone." It adds that all the names are still there. It seems like an odd bit of parental exhortation, but it is striking enough to make an impression on any boy.—S. S. Journal.

GRINDING.

And the people went about, and gathered it, (the manna) and ground it in the mills, or beat it in a mortar, and baked it in pans, and made cakes of it: and the taste of it was as the taste of fresh oil. Num. 11:18.—But the Philistines took him, (Sampson), and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza, and bound him with fetters of brass: and he did grind in the prison house. Judges 16:21.—Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. Matt. 24:41, 42.

In the first verse the Israelites were wandering in the wilderness on their journey to their promised land. They had not time



to sow and reap, but God's great goodness was shown to them by handing down every day his manna for their use, and it had to be prepared by grinding and baking. It is the Divine plan that man shall bestow labor upon whatever he receives honestly in this world. A notable man once said that, "The fruit derived from labor is the sweetest of all pleasures." In the second verse we see Sampson, the man of marvelous strength, fail, and he had to grind for his enemies, because he was careless and indifferent to the temptations that were seeking his ruin. This labor was not sweetness to him. Sin makes people grind whether they desire to do so or no. Do not our lives become dreary, dull and heavy at times? It may seem that life is hardly worth living. It is just grind and

grind away every day at the same things. These two Japanese are grinding rice. It is round, round and round. What an ordeal! It is very needful for them. After the storm, the calm. Behind the black cloud is the beautiful sunshine. But with all the trivial annoyances, and the big and little difficulties set before us in our every day life, still after the day's toilings and grindings are over, are there not many blessings coming out of it, which so richly repay, that we would not miss them for all the grind? Count your many blessings, and name them one by one. The third verse (primarily refers to Christ's second coming) teaches us that some day this daily earthly grinding at the mill shall end—for the Christian shall be taken up to live with Christ in heaven or to be with Him at His coming to the earth again to set up His kingdom. Where Jesus is 'tis heaven you know. Read 1 Cor. 15:41-58, special verse 54.

THE PHILOSOPHY OF CONTENT.

It is said that Diogenes was once noticed viewing the show windows of the streets of Athens, and, on being asked what he saw that interested him so much, replied that he was just rejoiced to see that there were so many things for sale which he did not need. The eccentric Stoic Philosopher was in possession of the secret of a contented life, as well as of the secret of economy and wealth.

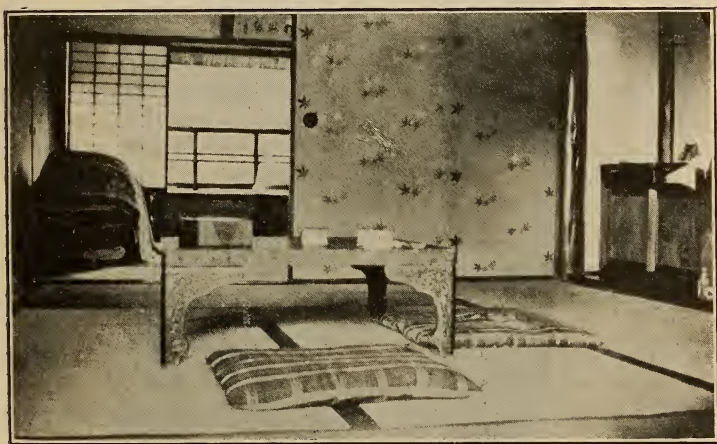
Let us take Dr. Edward Everett Hale's shrewd advice. He says, "Never bear more than one kind of trouble at a time. Some bear three—all they have had—all they have now, and all they expect to have."

PASS ON THE SUNSHINE.

"If you have sunshine in your heart,
Don't keep it—pass it round,
To those who need it, give a part,
Don't keep it—pass it round.
It wasn't made alone for you,
It's yours, of course, but still it's true
It's meant for other people, too.
Don't keep it—pass it round."

MANY CARES.

And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful. Mark. 4:19.—And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that day come upon you unawares. Luke 21:34.—But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me. And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: but one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be



taken away from her. Luke 10:40-42.—Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. 1 Pet. 5:7.

Shakespeare says: "Care is no cure, but rather a corrosive for things that are not to be remedied." The modern commercialism has so gotten hold of men and women that they have almost gone mad. Unrighteous competition and rivalry in every thing and for everything. A man getting forty dollars per month is trying to live like the man receiving one hundred dollars, and so on. The biggest house, the finest furniture, the richest wardrobe to display—in fact, God has a very small part in it if any at all. The desolate hearts made in this way in this wide world if they could be discovered! There is something beautiful and attractive in the Japanese home. I presume it is because of its very simplicity. Their

customs are different from ours, and we could not do exactly as they do. For instance, they sit in a kneeling posture, as is seen in other pictures. They have fine straw mat floors so that chairs cannot be used. The mats are soft and spongy so that no shoes can be worn in the house, therefore no dirt is carried in in this way. The little table (which is a luxury) is used in the day time and at night is taken out and the mattress is placed on the floor for the bed, and in the morning this is removed again. The worldly cares choke out the real and true happiness of life. I believe Jesus thought the home of Martha and Mary was quite ideal. He loved to be there. It was the home of the young man Lazarus whom he tenderly loved. They were both actively engaged in the entertainment of their famous guest, but in different ways. Somehow this day Martha became over-anxious about too many things about the house, while Mary was intensely interested with the wonderful teachings of her Lord and Master. I presume they were talking about the things of this present world and of eternity, for it seems that God had taken away the father and mother: about the home that Jesus was going to prepare for them. Jno. 14:1-2.—That it would be far superior to their present one, though it was undoubtedly a splendid home. Martha was thinking about TIME and Mary about ETERNITY. It is needful for us to be anxious, but not over-anxious. This over part of it belongs to the Lord, and he wants us to cast it upon him. He is able to take care of it. Why not let him do it? Martha did quite well in her serving, but Mary seems to have chosen the better part. It is always better to spend a little more time with the Lord Jesus than too much upon the vain, frivolous and unsatisfying things of this present life. Cares will burden us down, but I hear the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me, and I will give you rest." Read 2 Thes. 3—, special verse 6.

A SIMPLE CURE.

It is said that John Wesley was once walking with a brother, who related to him his troubles, saying he did not know what he should do. They were at that moment passing a stone wall to a meadow, over which a cow was looking.

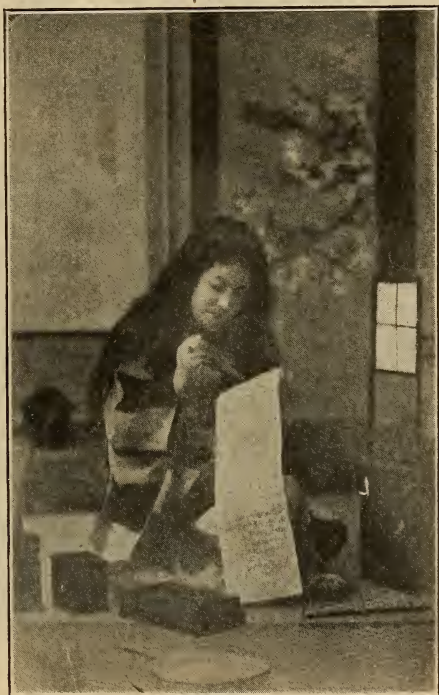
"Do you know," asked Wesley, "why that cow looks over that wall?"

"No," replied the one in trouble.

"I will tell you," said Wesley. "Because she cannot look through it: and that is what you must do with your troubles—look over and above them."

LETTERS.

But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the son of God, and that believing ye might have life through his name. John 20:31.—And I beseech you, brethren, suffer the word of exhortation: For I have written a letter unto you in few words. Heb. 13:22.—By Silvanus, a faithful brother unto you, as I suppose, I have written briefly, exhorting, and testifying



that this is the true grace of God wherein ye stand. 1 Peter 5:12.—I charge you by the Lord that this epistle be read unto all the holy brethren. 1 Thes. 5:27.—All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. 2 Tim. 3:16, 17.

God's love letters to you. What a pleasant thought it is, that the great Lord of heaven should condescend to look upon man at all. But the fact is, he has, and does. He has made known his

ways unto men. Have you ever received loving letters from home, father, mother, sister, etc? Did they stir up the very spirit within you? Did you read them, then re-read them? The Japanese woman is writing a letter. She uses a pointed stick for a pen. The paper is soft and porous, so that a pen could not be used. I wonder if the one to whom she may be writing would read it? It would be very ungrateful not to do so I hear you say. God has sent letters to all of us, setting forth his love, compassion, and warnings. They were written for our special benefit. Do we slight them? Do we even look at them at all? Take your Bible and begin now, to read his letters by St. Paul named the Ephesians. Then the two called Corinthians. Then the letters entitled St. John. You will find many interesting things in the letters called St. Peter, Jude, and James. Then you will want to read the famous letters to the Galatians, Romans, Philippians, Colossians, and the two to Timothy. Read and study them several times, and I know your life will receive many new ideas and blessings. Read Luke 17:11-19, special verse 15.

COURAGE.

Sir Francis Drake, being in a dangerous storm in the Thames, was heard to say, "Must I, who have escaped the rage of the ocean, be drowned in a ditch!" Will you, experienced saints, who have passed through a world of tribulation lie down and die of despair, or give up your profession because you are at present passing through some light affliction? Let your past preservation inspire you with courage and constrain you to brave all storms for Jesus' sake.

IMPRESSING A LESSON.

An old minister, very eccentric and accustomed to impress spiritual lessons in unique and unexpected ways, one day entered the shop of a member of his church without knocking or ringing the bell, and inquired before he had made any salutation, "Did you expect me?" "No," was the astonished reply. "What if I had been Death?" he solemnly asked, then stepped out as abruptly as he had come, and was gone before his parishioner could make any answer. It made a tremendous impression upon the man, and brought to his mind a new emphasis, such as he had never realized before, on the Savior's words, "Be ye also ready: for in an hour that ye think not the Son of man cometh."

A MARVEL.

For the Lord thy God bringeth thee into a good land, a land of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills. Deut. 8:7.—I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys: I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry lands springs of water. 41:18.—For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of water. Rev. 7:17.—Behold I will stand before thee (Moses) there upon the rock of Horeb; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink. Ex. 17:6.

There are many strange things in nature in this world in which



we live. When God said, Let there be light, light came. He spoke, and it was done. The Mammoth Cave in Kentucky, the Wind Cave in South Dakota, and the Grand Canon and the Geysers in the Yellowstone Park are marvellous instances. The geologists have failed to fathom the true cause of their existence. If one has any ambition to live in dreamland, which many are prone to do, he would surely be awakened into a lively realization that something is going on, while he is in the midst of the many wonderful Geysers and Hot Springs in the Park. This Geyser is called the Beehive, because its crater resembles the hive. It is four feet high, and seven feet in diameter at the base. As one looked at the colossal shaft of water and steam being hurled 200 feet into the air, by

such a tremendous unseeable force, he would be almost overpowered by its beauty and immensity. So hot is the water that it nearly all evaporates while in the air. Five minutes passes, and still you stand and marvel at it, a couple minutes more go by, and then all at once it subsides—collapses. You see only the crater now and walk up to it, and wonder where it has all gone. There is nothing to be seen, and only a rumbling and a hissing noise to be heard in its dark depths below. It may speak forth several times during the day, and probably not for several weeks. It is quite uncertain, irregular and spury in its working life. Life is very frequently like this. Especially do we find this the case in the religious life, serving the Lord just when we feel like it. A spury christian life never receives the blessings needed to make it a true success, God does not have time to get hold of such life. This injures one's own spiritual growth, though it be ever so beautiful for a while. Saint Paul exhorts us to "Rejoice always," and "Pray without ceasing." That is, be regular and consistent, and then the life will be a spiritual fountain which will be receiving from the eternal fountain, and will grow and be victorious. Read Matt. 25:14-30, special verse 23.

LET THE LIGHT IN.

The Rev. John Watson, writing on the question, "What Should a Christian Read?" assures us that Christ did not come "to cramp" anyone's manhood; He came to fulfill it.

"What ought a Christian to read? Every book that feeds the intellect. Where ought he to go? Every place where the moral atmosphere is pure and bracing. What ought he to do? Everything that will make character. Religion is not negative, a giving up this or that; but positive, a getting and a possessing. If a man will be content with nothing but the best thought, best work, best friends, best environment, he need not trouble about avoiding the worst. The good drives out the bad. There are two ways of lighting a dark room—one is to attack the darkness with candles; the other is to open the shutters and let in the light.

"When light comes, darkness goes. There are two ways of forming character. One is to conquer our sins; the other is to cultivate the opposite virtues. The latter plan is the best, because it is surest—the virtue replaces the sin. Christianity it not a drill; it is life, full, free, radiant and rejoicing. What a young man should do is, not vex himself about his imperfections, but fix his mind on the bright image of perfection; not weary his soul with rules, but live with Christ as one liveth with a friend. There is one way to complete manhood, and that is fellowship with Jesus Christ."

HUMILITY AND CONTENTMENT.

And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased, and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted. Matt. 23:12.—Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. 1 Pet. 5:5.—And now, O Lord my God, thou hast made thy servant (Solomon) king instead of David my father: and I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in. 1 Kings 3:7.—Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatever state I am, therewith to be content. Phil. 4:11.—But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we carry nothing out. And having food



and raiment let us be therewith content. 1 Tim. 6:6-8.—And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. Gal. 6:9.

My young guide to foot of Lower Falls, Yellowstone Park.

Always at it. Quite a contrast to the former lesson. This is a geyser also, giving out the hot water and steam. Very few people ever see it. It is apparently insignificant, as to size. It has never been deemed worthy of a name. I crawled down the side of the canon to the Yellowstone River and happened to run onto the Little Wonder. It is quite close to the Falls, within a few feet of the river. Probably it has been there for centuries. It neither complains nor apologizes for being so little. Neither does it throw out much steam and water at a time, but it is always and ever at it. Contentment seems to be written upon its very face. We must have godliness first, then contentment and

happiness will be written upon our lives. Be all that God wants you to be, and do what is in your power to do. The humble mind and heart will do all the good possible in this world without expecting a great name or the applause of the world. Read Acts 7: 51-60.

THE HOLY SPIRIT.

The Holy Spirit is a spiritual person, and not an influence as many falsely believe.

1. What he does for the unconverted man.

(a) And the Lord said, My spirit shall not always strive with man. Gen. 6:3.—And when he (the Holy Spirit) is come, he will convict (convince) the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. Jno. 16:8.—He strives with and convinces man.

(b) Except a man be born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. Jno. 3:5.—He regenerates or makes man anew.

(c) Jesus said, It is the spirit that quickeneth: the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. Jno. 6:63.—And you hath he quickened who were dead in trespasses and sins. Eph. 2:1.—He quickens the life.

2. He dwells with the converted person.

Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him: for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. Jno. 14:17. 1 Jno. 2:27.

3. He helps, teaches, and brings to our remembrance.

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I (Jesus) have said unto you. Jno. 14:26.

4. He guides into all truth.

Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth. Jno. 16:13.

5. What the unconverted do.

Ye do always resist the Holy Spirit. Acts 7:51. Heb. 3: 15, 19.—Resisting the Holy Spirit makes rank infidels. Be careful to listen to the voice of God as he speaks and works through the Holy Spirit.

6. What the Christian does.

Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Eph. 4:30.—Quench not the (Holy) Spirit. 1 Thes. 5:19.—The Christian grieves the Holy Spirit

He comes to live with him while here on earth. He becomes grieved by our wilfully disobeying the laws of God. A continuance of this kind of life will drive the Spirit away and this is called quenching the Spirit. This is what makes backsliders and oftentimes the infidel.

ALL NATIONS.

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance. Ps. 33:12.—Come near, ye nations, to hear; and hearken, ye people; let the earth hear, and all that is therein. Isa. 34:1.—Behold, thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not, and nations that knew not thee shall run unto thee because of the Lord thy God. Isa. 55:5.—



Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee. Isa. 60:5.—And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on the face of the earth. Acts 17:26.—Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the people be assembled. Isa. 43:9.—Then Peter said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: but in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him. Acts 10:34, 35.—And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation. Rev. 5:9.

It was inspiring indeed to see the many states of the union re-

presented at the great St. Louis Fair; but how much more the many nations of the earth. Here we see the beautiful government building of China, representing Orientalism. The pagoda to the left, and the gate or entrance with its artistically hand carved wood-work in the front, and all painted in brilliant colors. The Brazilian building is just back of it, (you see only the white dome,) representing South America. And the Belgium building is at the right, a representative of Europe. All planted on the free soil of our own beloved North America. All people are made of one blood to dwell together on the face of the earth. In former times the nations had been living to themselves, but they are now cultivating a closer friendship. Somehow the Gospel of Jesus Christ brings people to a better understanding with each other. God calls all to righteousness now, and will gather the Redeemed of all the nations in that great day in which he shall judge them. Then, sin, sickness, sorrow, and death shall be put away forever. What a gathering that will be! What a happy day! Isaiah 55—, special verse 7.

In the days of the cruel Inquisition a girl, who refused to bow to the priest, was being carried out to be shot. She was made to sit upon her own coffin. Just before the place was reached where she was to give up her life for her faith, a man rushed up and said, "What will it take to buy the life of that girl?" An enormous price of money was stated, and the man quickly said, "I will pay the price." It was done. The girl was taken down and given her liberty.

What was the first thing she did? She crouched at her savior's feet, and, lifting her hands, said, "Oh, sir, let me be your slave. I would love to serve a man as good as you."

This is a faint reflection of Jesus; it is very faint, indeed, but nevertheless it gives us a hint of Him. When the devil had us on the way to hell, Jesus came and purchased our freedom. He did not purchase it with money. Oh, no. Money could not buy it; He purchased it with His own blood shed upon the cross.

THE POWER WILL BE GIVEN.

When Cyrus captured Sardis, the only son of Croesus, who was dumb, saw a soldier ready to give the king, whom he did not know, a stroke upon the head with his scimeter. The son made such a violent effort to save his father by a word that he broke the string of his tongue, and cried out, "Soldier, spare the life of Croesus!" And so, if we love Christ and His cause earnestly, our tongues will be loosened.

THE MOTIVE POWER.

Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubabel, saying, not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts. Zech. 4:6.—And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high. Luke 24:49.—But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. Acts 1:8.—Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and the renewing of the Holy Spirit. Titus 3:5.—It is the Spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth noth-



ing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. Jno. 6:63.—And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and they spake the word with boldness. Acts 4:31.—But ye are not in the flesh: but in the spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. Rom. 8:9.

The hidden things about us are many. Some of them are beyond our comprehension, even though they are brought to light. In the Christian life and character this stands out very clearly, and it is often a wonder why some apparently and really do, have more strength, and fortitude than others. While it is quite true, yet it is very easily understood by the light of God's Word. Some have learned the secret of the motive power. The writer was stopping

at a certain large hotel up in the mountains of Japan. The hotel was illuminated with electricity, and it was a mystery, as to how they generated it. One day I started off to find out for myself, and after walking quite a distance, saw off at the foot of the mountains the little building above, and went over to inspect the affair standing there all alone. It was found that the Japanese had harnessed the mountains with ditches, and canals, by which the water was gathered, and carried to this place where it created the power that made the electricity, and sent it down to the hotel. When the Holy Spirit quickens and fills your life then there comes light, power, joy and peace. When the water runs low, then the power is decreased, and the lights grow very dimly. It is so with the spiritual life.

“Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,
With all thy quickening powers;
Kindle a flame of sacred love
In these cold hearts of ours.”

Read Isaiah 53—.

GOOD MOTTOES.

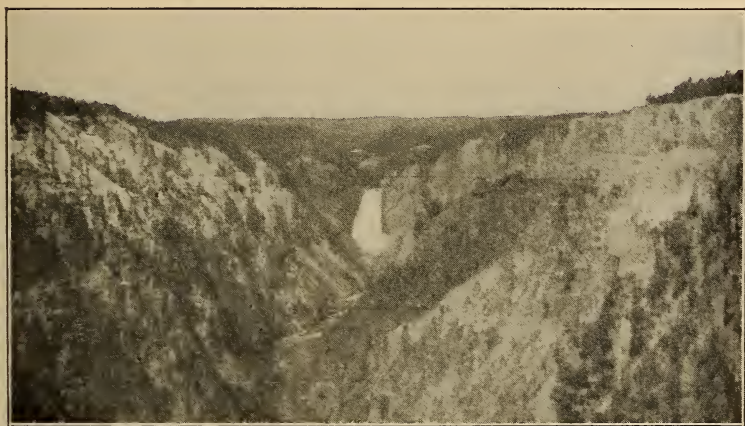
One of the great mercantile establishments of London is that of Whiteley, the “Universal Provider” and William Whiteley, coming up from Yorkshire a penniless lad, became one of the millionaires of England. In his account of his own methods of success, he says some illuminating things. “I began”, he asserts, “with more than my shop and stock in trade. To my capital I added my conscience. In my skin money bag I had some old-fashioned mottoes, and it was my intention that all money going thereinto should pass through these mottoes, as it were; for then I should be certain of earning good money.

“For instance, “Be honest”—that was in the bag; consequently no money could get in unless it had been earned honestly. Then punctuality, civility, cleanliness. Then I never said, “What is the most I can get for an article?” but, “What is the least I can sell it for? I was firmly convinced of the necessity of having rules, system, order. Not any rules—the first to hand—but the best to do business by, the best system of working, the most perfect order, nothing less. It didn’t matter to me whether they had been tried before or not.”

Small wonder that such a man succeeded. But even if he had failed, at least he would have failed nobly. His business ideals were the best—nothing less.—Forward.

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE.

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Matt. 6:33.—These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. Heb. 11:13.—For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. Acts 2:39.—Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. Jno. 14:6.—Thine eyes shall see the king in his beauty: they shall behold the land that is very far off. Isa. 33:17.



The great fact is, that life is a service. The question is, "Whom shall we serve?" Jesus very clearly tells us in the first verse above. The view gives us a glimpse of the Lower Falls in the Yellowstone Park. It appears to be quite small indeed, but because it is AFAR OFF. The distance is probably one and three-fourths miles. And so it is with one that is just commencing to live a new life in Christ Jesus. It may seem to be a very small matter at first, but God calls you to start, and he will add more unto you, as you go along the way. St. Paul exhorts all to Be followers of God, as dear children; and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savor. Eph. 5:1, 2. Read Psalm 1—, special verse 6.

POTATOES.

Though the Christian is to expect to be set free from corroding fear, he should never permit himself to relax his own efforts after an attainable good. Paul has expressed the true doctrine in his exhortation, "Work out your own salvation, for it is God that worketh in you." Many good people are at times inclined to become fanatical by assuming that God works without means or will work a miracle for any or no reason. Christmas Evans, the celebrated Welsh preacher, once told his wife with whom he was discussing the potato question: "Catherine, you never mind the potatoes; put your trust in Providence and all will be well." His wife, who was a thrifty and sensible woman, replied, "Christmas, you go and sit down on the top of the hill waiting for Providence, and I'll go and hoe the potatoes; and we shall see to which of us Providence will come first."

WHY HE LOST THE RACE.

So the carpenter encouraged the goldsmith, and he that smootheth with the hammer him that smote the anvil. Isa. 41:7.

Some little boys were running a race, and all felt sure that Tommy, the boy in the lead, would win as he was the fastest runner. Those looking on began to cheer the different boys, and Tommy gradually fell behind until he was the last one to reach the goal. His friends gathered around inquiring why this was. And Tommy, wiping the tears from his dirty little face, replied: "You yelled go it, John, go it, Jimmy! but there was not one yelled go it Tommy, and somehow I just could not run at all." A word of cheer frequently makes the difference between success and failure.

WOULDN'T DO.

Bishop Ames tells a story of a slave master in the olden time who said to his chattel: "Pompey, I hear you are a great preacher." "Yes, massa, de Lord do help me powerful sometimes." "Well, Pompey, don't you think the Negroes steal little things on the plantation?" "T'se mighty 'fraid they does, massa." "Then, Pompey, I want you to preach a sermon to the Negroes against stealing." After a brief reflection, Pompey replied: "You see, massa, dat wouldn't never do, 'cause 'twould trow such a col'ness over de meetin'."—*Foster's Cyclopaedia*.

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE.

Come ye near unto me, hear ye this: I have not spoken in secret from the beginning, from the time that it was, there am I: and now the Lord God, and his spirit, hath sent me. Thus saith the Lord, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: I am the Lord thy God which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go. Isa. 84:16, 17.—But it is good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord God, that I may declare all thy works. Ps. 73:28.—For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did: by the which we draw nigh unto God. Heb. 7:19.—But the path of the just (righteous) is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day. Prov. 4:18.



This second view represents the Christian getting into a nearer relationship with the eternal God and a deeper insight into the new life imparted by Jesus Christ. The understanding opened and the dark and deep sayings of the Scriptures becoming clearer and the vision brighter. But this is not the stopping place in the race set before you. Sometimes, as I walked along the road, this beautiful scene would be hidden from me by little hills and tall trees, so the poets words came to my mind:

“So on I go, not knowing,
I would not if I might;
I’d rather walk by faith with Him
Than go alone in the light;

I'd rather walk by faith with Him
Than go alone by sight."

Read Luke 17:20-37, special verse 21.

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE.

And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. Rom. 13:11.—Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith. Heb. 10:22.—Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Jas. 4:8.

As St. Paul well says, "I press on toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Phil. 3:19.



Coming nearer the journey's end of our little allotted portion of time, the Christian's life will centralize more and more on Him who said, "If I be lifted up I will draw all men unto me." The way may seem weary at times, unfortunate circumstances may come upon one, difficult tasks, afflictions and possibly persecution from would-be friends, but to these things we may say, as the Apostle did, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose." Rom. 8:22. And that none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear to myself, so that I might finish my course with joy. Acts 20:24. More blessings will be given from heaven for your very faithfulness. Let no obstacle impede your progress of the high calling. Read Deut. 32:1-14, special verse 6.

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE.

I know a man (Paul) in Christ about fourteen years ago: (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth); such an one caught up to the third heaven. And I knew such a man (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth). How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which is not lawful for a man to utter. 2 Cor. 12:2-4.—Blessed be the God and Father of



our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: that the trial of your faith being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire,

might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ. 1 Pet. 1:3-7.

This water falls 370 feet. It is 74 feet wide at the top. There is no more water running over this high precipice now, than the one in the first view. There, it is quite small indeed, but here, like a whole mountain of it had been turned loose. The only difference is, I came nearer, yes even nearer than in the third scene. The very mist moistened my parched lips. What a roaring! How beautiful! Dead to the world. There in its magnificent presence one's soul would be filled with the rapturous melody. It seemed that heaven and earth met right here. Going down on the east side of the canon is (which very few people do) quite a journey of about 1500 feet, walking, crawling and sliding to the foot of the Falls. Several times I thought I would give up the task undertaken. How often we become faint-hearted and almost ready to quit, when victory is nearly ours, but you remember what Jesus says, "To him that overcometh." Rev. 3:21. I do not wonder at St. Paul getting such a glimpse of the heavens as he did. He was shut in with Christ for the time being, learning of Him. Standing at the foot of the Falls, there was only one way one could look, and that was UP. The first glimpse of the Falls here buried all the thoughts of the weary trip. When the Christian's journey of life is finished, and he stands in the glorious presence of Christ, the many hard trials and struggles shall be turned into glories, as Paul says to Romans, Chap. 8-18: For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. Read Revelations 21—, special verse 4.

HEART PRAYER.

When Dr. Bacchus (the president of Hamilton College) was upon his deathbed the doctor called to see him, and, after examining the symptoms, left the room without speaking, but as he opened the door to go out, was observed to whisper something to the servant. "What did the physician say to you?" asked Dr. Bacchus. "He said, sir, that you cannot live to exceed half an hour."—"Is it so?" said the good man. "Then take me out of my bed, and place me upon my knees: let me spend that time in calling upon God for the salvation of the world." His request was complied with: and his last moments were spent in breathing forth his prayers for the salvation of his fellow sinners: he died upon his knees.—Howes.

A SACRED PLACE.

And a highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called the way of holiness, the unclean shall not pass over it, but the redeemed shall walk there. Isa. 35:8.—And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh an abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life. Rev. 21:25, 27.—He that is unjust, let him be unjust still; and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still; and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still; and he that is holy, let him be holy still. Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. Rev. 22:11, 14.—And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs



and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness and sorrow and signing shall flee away. Isa. 35:10.

This is the sacred bridge at Nikko, Japan. It was constructed for the special use of one of her great men (a king) 280 years ago. The pillars are stone and the rest of the bridge is made of wood and painted with red lacquer. There is a gate at either end, and they are kept under lock and key. None but those of a royal family may cross it. I was told that President Grant refused to go over it, for he was not of royal ancestry. Being inclined to hero worship, they looked upon the General as worthy of this mark of distinction. I saw a Chinese Prince cross over the sacred structure. It leads up to the Emperor's beautiful temple on the right side. There is another bridge nearby for the other people to cross this creek. The

Redeemed of God belong to His royal family, and his way is a way of holiness, which leads to the throne of God, and over which only the ransomed may pass. When one makes up his mind to go to God, Jesus will open the gates to let him enter in and over. Saint John says, Unto him (Jesus) that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood. Rev. 7:5. Jesus says, I am the way and the life. Jno. 14:6. Read Matt. 13:1-24, special verse 23.

CAUSE OF UNHAPPINESS.

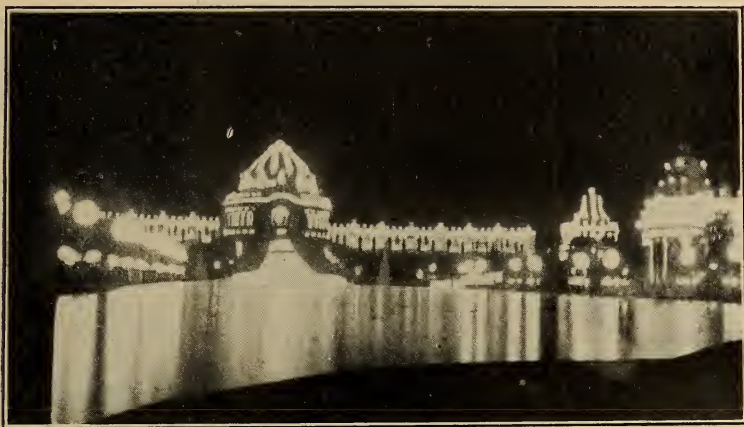
Harsh judgment, rough words, small but frequent acts of selfishness and injustice, sometimes poison the heart that promises to be healthy, and curse the start that promised to be blessed. There are families that possess every earthly comfort—health, money, and occupation—but are miserable from the jealousy and quarreling that prevail within. There are married couples who live in daily sorrow, not because they are in want, but because each thinks the other unkind and arbitrary, and inconsiderate. Young people sometimes marry with their eyes shut; and thus, instead of being mated with angels, as they foolishly imagined they might be, they find out afterward that they are only men and women, with the common work-a-day weaknesses and faults of their respective sexes. This sham love easily gets soured, and then each reproaches the other for not fulfilling the sentimental prospects with which they entered the marriage state. Take any of the relationships of life, and we find that the greater part of all our sorrow comes from the same cause. Get anyone to tell you honestly what gives him the most annoyance and disquietude, and he will tell you they come from want of kindness, sympathy, and fellow feeling. He could tell you that he would bear other things if he only met with more consideration, support, and encouragement from the people with whom he had to do.—*Michigan Christian Advocate*.

A lady visited New York city and saw on the sidewalk a ragged, cold and hungry little girl, gazing wistfully at some of the cakes in a shop window. She stopped, and taking the little one by the hand led her in the store, though she was aware that bread might be better for the cold child than cake, yet desiring to gratify the shivering and forlorn one. She bought and gave her the cake she wanted. She then took her to another place, where she procured her a shawl and other articles of comfort. The gratified little creature looked the benevolent lady up full in the face, and with artless simplicity said: "Are you God's wife?" Did the most eloquent speaker ever employ words to better advantage?

YE ARE LIGHTS.

But if we walk in the light as he is in the light we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin. John 1:7.—Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick, and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Matt. 5:14. 51.—Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your father which is in heaven. Matt. 5:16.—For ye were sometimes in darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord; walk as children of light. Eph. 5:8.

This world is in spiritual darkness. Jesus came into the world



See the day scene on page 93.

to be the light of the world. When he ascended into heaven, he made his chosen ones to be the light. It was a dark night at the St. Louis Fair, but the many little lights made it almost like the day. Here and there one could see a little light had gone out and it had left a darkened place. It broke the continuous harmony of the whole. It is so with one of God's children, when praying and testifying and working for the Lord is given up. The little light goes out, and it makes confusion in the harmony that is essential to the Christian life. The question for each one of us is, Is my little candle burning, or has it been hidden under a bushel in some way? Am I doing my little portion to make things around me brighter and others more cheerful. Read John 1:35-51, special verse 48.

ON WHICH SIDE ARE YOU?

I have set before you, life and death, the blessing and the curse. Therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live. Deut. 30:19.—Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. 1 Pet. 2:24.



WHAT I WAS.

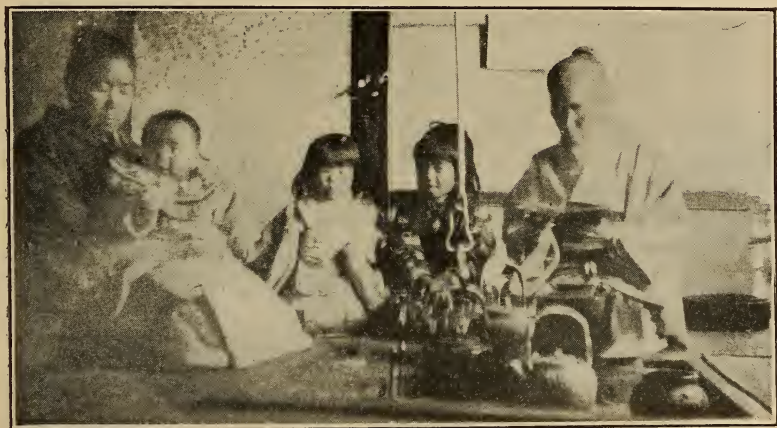
1. Far off. Eph. 2:13.
2. My sins as scarlet. Isa. 1:18.
3. Servant of Sin. Jno. 8:34. Rom. 6:16, 20.
4. In bondage. Gal. 2:4. Gal. 5:1.
5. Sinner. Rom. 3:23.
6. Sold under sin. Rom. 7:4.
7. Child of the Devil. Jno. 8:44.
8. Led captive by the Devil. 2 Tim. 2:26.
9. Shall perish. Luke 13:3.
10. Jesus knows not. Matt. 25:12.
11. Depart. Matt. 25:41, 46.

WHAT I AM NOW.

1. Made nigh. Eph. 2:13.
2. Whiter than snow. Ps. 51:7.
3. Servant of God. 1 Pet. 2:15, 16. 1 Cor. 7:22.
4. Free. Rom. 6:22.
5. Saint. Rom. 1:7. 2 Tim. 1:9.
6. Bought with a price. 1 Cor. 6:20.
7. Child of God. Rom. 8:16. 1 Jno. 3:1, 2.
8. Led by the Holy Spirit. Rom. 8:14.
9. Shall never perish. Jno. 10:28, 29.
10. Jesus knows. Jno. 10:27.
11. Come. Matt. 25:31, 34.

THE HOME.

And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve: But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. Josh. 24:15.—For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment. Gen. 18:19.—When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, (Timothy) which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also. 2 Tim. 1:5.—And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 2 Tim. 3:15.—Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had com-



passion on thee. Mark. 5:19.—But if any widow have children or nephews, let them learn first to shew piety at home, and to requite their parents: for that is good and acceptable before God. 1 Tim. 5:4.—Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Prov. 22:6.

Someone has well said, "that religion begins in the home." A home is not really a home without God's presence living and abiding in it. I was in a merchants home in the city of Minneapolis one day, and saw this motto hanging over the table, "The Lord Jesus Christ is the head of this house." Truly he was. Everything about that home showed its impress. The Japanese grandmother is sitting in her parlor by the fire-place, with its ever ready hot water to serve cha (tea) to any visitors that may come in. She is reading a scripture lesson to her daughter and grandchild.

dren, who are visiting her. The family altar is established in that home, and the influence is felt by every one that enters it. Many boys and girls go astray from the fact that they have never had much offered to them in the home. Home signifies to enclose. What does it enclose? It takes the place of the garden of Eden—Paradise. How beautiful the thought, "Home, sweet home." It matters not whether it is a cottage or a mansion. It should be a little world with strife shut out, and with a world of love shut in. In this there will be joy, peace and happiness, where the mother always loves to be found, the father longs to be—and the tie that binds the hearts of the children. Mr. Spurgeon puts it thus: "When the home is ruled according to God's Word, Angels might be asked to stay with us, and not find themselves out of their element." Good homes make a good community and virtuous society. From these are built the state and the nation. Without these no nation can prosper. Read Prov. 1:7-16, special verse 7.

A REAL HOME.

I never saw a garment too fine for a man or maid; there never was a chair too good for a cobbler or a king to sit in; never a house too fine to shelter the human head. Elegance fits man. But do we not value these tools a little more than they are worth, and sometimes mortgage a house for the mahogany we bring into it? I had rather eat my dinner off the head of a barrel, or dress after the fashion of John the Baptist in the wilderness, or sit on a block all my life, than consume all myself before I got to a home, and take so much pains with the outside that the inside was as hollow as an empty nut. Beauty is a great thing, but beauty of garment, house, and furniture are tawdry ornaments compared with domestic love. All the elegance in the world will not make a home, and I would give more for a spoonful of real hearty love than for whole shiploads of furniture and all the gorgeousness the world can gather.—O. W. Holmes.

AS A CHILD.

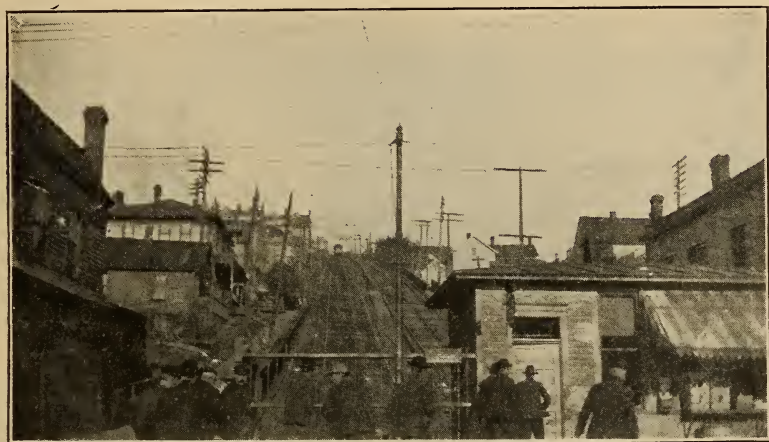
It was her father's custom to look into her room the last thing before she fell asleep, and always the little voice would bid him the same farewell: "Good-night, father; I'll see you in the morning."

Sickness came, and the beloved child drew near her end. Just at the last she put her arms around her father's neck, and said, with failing breath, "Good-night, father; 'I'll see you in the morning.'"

She was quite right. The little child is always right in the spiritual kingdom."—R. J. Campbell.

WAIT.

Blessed is the man that heareth me, (God) watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors. Prov. 8:34.—Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say on the Lord. Ps. 27:14.—But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength: they shall mount up with wings as eagles: they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. Isa. 40:31.—It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord. Lam. 3:25.—And being assembled together with them commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. Acts 1:4.—For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.



Gal. 5:5.—And to wait for His Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come. 1 Thes. 1:10.

The men are waiting for the incline car, Duluth, Minn. It is just patiently wait. "Wait" is a wondrously mysterious word to many people. But to the Christian it becomes really a grace. When everything seems to go wrong about you, then is the time to "wait" on Him for wisdom, help and strength. The wicked do not wait upon the Lord, because He is not in all their thoughts. Some Christians do not deem it necessary, and as too trifling a thing, and especially why should I take all my little trials and temptations to him. It is the right thing to do, for by such act, you acknowledge your dependence upon God. He says, "Him that honoreth me I will honor." Many blessings will come to your personal life that you do not receive now by remembering this privilege and duty.

Try it in the morning. It will help you through the day with its many burdens.

“Jesus, my strength, my hope,
On thee I cast my care;
With humble confidence look up,
And know thou hearest my prayer.
Give me on thee to wait,
Till I can all things do;
On thee, almighty to create,
Almighty to renew.”

Read 2 Pet. 3—, special verse 9.

HAD TESTED THE REMEDY.

It is related that Bishop Kavanaugh was one day walking, when he met a prominent physician who offered him a seat in his carriage. The physician was an infidel, and the conversation turned upon religion.

“I am surprised,” said the doctor, “that such an intelligent man as you should believe such an old fable as that.”

The Bishop said, “Doctor, suppose years ago someone had recommended to you a prescription, and, taking it according to order, you had been cured of a terrible disease, what would you say of the man who would not try your prescription?”

“I would say he was a fool.”

“Twenty-five years ago,” said Kavanaugh, “I tried the power of God’s grace. It made a different man of me. All these years I have preached salvation, and whenever accepted, have never known it to fail.”

To do something for someone else; to love the unlovely; to give a hand to the unattractive; to speak to the uncongenial; to make friends with the poor and folks of lowly degree; to find a niche in the Church of the Lord, and to do something out of sheer love for Him; to determine in his house to have his mind; to plan to win at least one for the Master; to aim to redeem past time that is lost; to will to let one’s light shine; to cut off practices that are sinful and costly; to add the beauty of holiness—this is to make one’s life a thing of beauty and this is to grow in grace, for growing in grace is simply copying the beautiful life of the altogether lovely one.—*Edward F. Reimer.*

TOUCH NOT.

God says: Do not drink wine nor strong drink, thou, nor thy son with thee, when ye go into the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die: it shall be a statute forever throughout your generations: Lev. 10:9.—Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink: that continue until night, till wine inflame them! Isa. 5:11.—Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise. Prov. 20:1. Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth thy bottle to him, and maketh him drunken also. Hab. 2:15.—They shall not drink wine with a song; strong drink shall be bitter to them that drink it. Isa. 24:9. Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his color in the cup, when it moveth itself aright.



At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder. Prov. 23:31, 32. Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. Gal. 5:21.—Let us walk honestly as in the day: not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. Rom. 13:13.

Right at one of the main entrances of the St. Louis Fair was a mass of saloons. This is one of them. A beautiful specimen of our American institutions, is it not? John Burns, the English labor leader, describes them thus, "Throughout the centuries the drink shop has been the ante-chamber to the workhouse, the chapel of ease to the asylum, the recruiting station for the hospital, the rendezvous for the gambler, the gathering ground for the jail." We

all know this is a true picture, and still we will give them the right of way to carry the young and the old to the pit of destruction. Mr. Gladstone once said that, "Intoxicating drinks have produced evils more deadly, than all those caused to mankind by the great historic scourges of war, famine and pestilence combined." It is a man wrecker. A home destroyer. It is the crime of all ages. The sign reads A. B. C., which is literally true, that drink is the a. b. c. to the downful, and even to the drunkards grave and to hell to hundreds of thousands of people. Beware of the A. B. C. and its kindred companions! There is danger in the cup. It is the first cup that makes the drunkard, and the last sends his soul to perdition. Read Rom. 2:1-16, special verse 4.

It is said that Kuyler Kipling, the great English literary genius, one time believed in the inalienable right of the individual to exercise self-control and self-regulation on the liquor question, but was converted to prohibition by witnessing the leading of two young girls to ruin through drink, after which he wrote as follows: "Then, recanting previous opinions, I became a prohibitionist. Better it is that a man should go without his beer in public places and content himself with swearing at the narrow-mindedness of the majority; better it is to poison the inside with very vile temperance drinks and to buy lager furtively at back doors than to bring temptation to the lips of young fools such as the four I had seen. I understand now why preachers rage against drink. I have said there is no harm in it, taken moderately; and yet my own demand for beer helped directly to send those two girls reeling down a back street to—God alone knows what end."

During revival meetings in Des Moines a few days ago a lady, said to be the champion whist player of America, arose and said: "I wish to state publicly that I will never touch cards again. My conclusion has been reached deliberately, and I have come to see the evil of card playing, especially in social circles. I can see nothing but harm coming from it, and from now on I shall not touch playing cards again. I care nothing for the honors I have won at the game, and will abandon them without regret. As to dancing, there is even more harm connected with it than in cards, and I shall do all in my power to discourage it as a form of social amusement.—N. W. C. A. Feb., 1907.

THE DIVISION.

When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from his goats: and he shall set the sheep on his right hand, and the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come ye blessed of my father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: and these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into eternal life. Matt. 25:31, 34, 41-46.—Say unto them, As I live, saith



the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Eze. 33:11.—And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire. Rev. 20:15.—And there shall in no wise enter into it (heaven) anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life. Rev. 21:27.—He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. Rev. 22:11.

Some fair minded people seem to get (for the ease of their own conscience) the one sided idea, that God is ALL love, so that they through presumption on His mercy, and a darkened understanding

concerning eternal things, may continue in SIN. God's love can only be measured by his justice. Sin must be punished, wherever it is found. God will find it on the Cross of Christ or on the soul of man. If man is pleased to continue in sin during this life, then at the judgment day he will be separated from God's presence forever and from all good. That one will live with all his sins committed here, dogging his footsteps eternally. The scene is on the Continental Divide, in the Yellowstone Park. At this point, the altitude is about 8000 feet the highest point on that part of the range. Here is where the waters divide, some of it flowing into the Pacific (peaceful) Ocean, and some of it into the Atlantic (the Turbulent) Ocean. The Cross of Christ is the dividing line for eternity. On the one side is darkness and despair, and on the other peace and glory. Have you definitely accepted Jesus for your personal Savior from sin? Read Acts 26—, special verse 28.

THE GIVER MORE THAN THE GIFT.

Gipsy Smith tells in his autobiography how after having been away from his family for seven months they received him with joy on his return, shortly after which all of them attended a bazar.

Thinking to give pleasure to his little girl, he took some money out of his pocket, and, displaying it in the palm of his hand, said: "Zillah, take what you like and go and spend it!"

The child's big dark eyes filled with tears. She looked wistfully at her father, and said: "Daddy, I don't want your old money; I want you! You have been away from us for seven months, do you know it?"

THE FIFTH GOSPEL .

There are four written Gospels. The fifth is writing now. The world may forget the four, and the leaves of the Book may never be turned, but the fifth Gospel men are sure to read.

That fifth Gospel is your life of Christ; that is, your life in Christ. Men may forget Christ; they never forget the Christian. Christ lives in Heaven and on earth. The world's dull eyes have never gazed upon His Heavenly glory, but they are looking eagerly for Him on earth. Christ in men is the most powerful preaching.

The world has had many lives of Christ. Each Christian is writing his own, and the very children read it. We are either revealing or veiling Christ to men.

AFFLICTIONS.

Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me, for I am desolate and afflicted. Look upon mine affliction and my pain, and forgive all my sins. Ps. 25:16, 18.—I will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face; in their affliction they will seek me early. Hosea 2:15.—It is good for me that I have been afflicted: that I might learn thy statutes. I am afflicted very much: quicken me, O Lord, according unto thy word. Ps. 119:71, 107.—If when evil cometh upon us, as the sword, judgment or pestilence or famine, we stand before this house, and in thy presence, (for thy name is in this house), and cry unto thee in our affliction, then thou wilt hear and help. 2 Chron. 20:9.—Is any one among you afflicted? Let him pray.



James 5:13.—For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. 2 Cor. 4:17.—My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: for whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth. Heb. 12:5, 6.—Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 1 Cor. 12:9.

In the mountainous region of Japan there are a number of hot mineral springs which are noted for their medicinal properties. The man (a foreigner) in the chair was afflicted severely with rheumatism. He is just ready to leave the hotel at Ashinovou, Hakone. He is sitting in a cane chair and is carried by four Japanese. The chair is fastened to two poles. His Japanese wife is carried in a basket shaped affair called a kago, which is used prin-

cipally for the Japanese as they are as a rule smaller of stature than the foreigner. The carriers have their prices for certain distances. The kago is carried by two men. This man went away benefitted to some degree. Where will not people go to find a healing balm for this earthly body? This place is visited by people from all parts of the world. The Lord permits afflictions and sorrows to come to us for a purpose. To the sinful he calls to repentance, and to the righteous to a deeper consecration and to be drawn nearer to him in fellowship. It is a great teacher.

Some will fret and worry themselves sick. Remedy, Isa. 26: 3; 45:22; Jno. 14:1, 2. Others will imagine themselves sick, that is, they will think only about themselves, until they really think they are sick. This is most distressing. Remedy—plenty of work and sufficient play. The really and truly afflicted one God tries, purifies and refines as does the silversmith his silver and gold. Mal. 3:3. Sometimes he uses these things as his furnace. Isa. 48:10. Will we stand the test? It made Job stronger in faith. It brought St. Paul into a brighter Christian experience. He had to carry a certain affliction all his life, yet he glorified God through it all. Jesus said to Paul, "My grace is sufficient for thee." 2 Cor. 12:9. Whom the Lord loves he chastens sometimes beyond our understanding. The Lord says, too, "Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me. Ps. 50:15. Read Romans 10:1-13, special verse 10.

GRATITUDE.

Among the many beautiful stories of Queen Victoria this was told just after she died. While visiting the wounded soldiers who had been brought back from South Africa she was greatly distressed by the appearance of one poor man who had been terribly injured.

"Is there nothing," said the queen, "that I can do for you?"

The soldier replied, "Nothing, your majesty, unless you would thank my nurse for her kindness to me."

The queen turned to the nurse and said, with tears in her eyes, "I do thank you with all my heart for your kindness to this poor wounded son of mine."

There was something exquisitely beautiful in the soldier's utter self-forgetfulness, which led him to think not of anything from his queen for himself, but of pleasure and honor to her who was serving him so faithfully.

A RESTING PLACE.

And he saw that rest was good, and the land that it was pleasant. Gen. 49:15.—Arise ye, and depart; for this is not your rest: because it is polluted, it shall destroy you. Micah. 2:10.—For ye are not as yet come to the rest and to the inheritance, which the Lord your God giveth you. Deut. 12:9.—There the wicked cease from troubling, and there the weary be at rest. Job. 3:17.—There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. Let us labor therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief. Heb. 4:9, 10, 11.

Traveling over the mountain roads of Japan, one will fre-



quently come to a little house, most always kept by a woman who is endeavoring to gain a livelihood. They are kept for the weary traveler. The old lady keeps this one. It is open during the day time, and at night the slide doors are put in position again enclosing it. One of them, the younger girl, generally goes out to greet you with an "iraishaii," that is, "welcome, come in." You enter, if you so desire, and they will bring you a cushion, a cup of green tea, and some nicknacks. Here one may take a pleasant rest, and then give them ju sen (5 cents gold) and start on his journey again. These are earthly resting places, and we need them all along the journey of life, but there is a higher and more excellent resting place to which we should labor diligently to enter, and if faithful will be welcomed by Him with an eternal "iraishaii." Jesus says, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I

will give you rest." Matt. 11:28. [This means present rest to the weary one as well as the eternal rest and is conditioned on our *Coming*. Read Isaiah 26:1-12, special verse 3.]

A LITTLE GIRL THAT SHONE.

"Well, grandma," said a little boy, resting his elbow on the old lady's stuffed chair-arm, "what have you been doing here at the window all day by yourself?"

"All I could," answered dear grandma, cheerily; "I have read a little, and prayed a good deal, and then looked out at the people. There's one little girl, Arthur, that I have learned to watch for. She has sunny brown hair, her brown eyes have the same sunny look in them, and I wonder every day what makes her look so bright. Ah! here she comes now."

Arthur took his elbows off the stuffed arm and planted them on the window sill.

"That girl with the brown apron on?" he cried. "Why, I know that girl. That is Susie Moore, and she has a dreadful hard time, grandma."

"Has she?" said grandma. "Oh, little boy, wouldn't you give anything to know where she gets all that brightness from, then?"

"I'll ask her," said Arthur, promptly, and to grandma's surprise he raised the window, and called:

"Susie, O Susie, come up here a minute; grandma wants to see you!"

The brown eyes opened wide in surprise, but the little maid turned at once.

"Grandma wants to know what makes you look so bright all the time?"

"Why; I have to," said Susie. "You see, papa's been ill a long while, and mamma is tired out with nursing, and the baby's cross with her teeth, and if I didn't be bright, who would be?"

"Yes, yes, I see," said old grandma, putting her arm around this little streak of sunshine. "That's God's reason for things; they are, because somebody needs them. Shine on, little sun; there couldn't be a better reason for shining than because it is dark at home."

A CHARGE TO KEEP.

A charge to keep I have;

A God to glorify:

A never-dying soul to save,

And fit it for the sky.—Charles Wesley.

ANSWERS TO PRAYER.

I cried unto the Lord with my voice, and he heard me out of his holy hill. Ps. 3:4.—The Lord hath heard my supplication, the Lord will receive my prayer. Ps. 6:9.—I called upon the Lord in distress: the Lord answered me, and set me in a large place. I will praise thee: for thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation. Ps. 118:5, 21.—The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth. He will fulfill the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them. Ps. 145:18, 19.—And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it. Jno. 14:13, 14.—And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments,



and do those things that are pleasing in his sight. 1 Jno. 3:22.—Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your own lusts. Jas 4:3.

It is surely God's delight to hear and answer the prayers of his children. It is at morning prayer in a hospital in Hakodate, Japan. An English missionary and his wife, who some years ago responded to the Lord's call, "Whom shall I send." They have the double privilege of healing the body, as well as leading the lost soul back to the Great Physician. God has truly answered their prayers in their own lives and in their work. Prayers are not answered when we live in the last verse above. They are answered when we live in the verse next to the last. We naturally want to do the things that please ourselves and to spend them upon our own selfish lives. Selfishness displeases God. Instance of prayer test. 1 Kings 18:

24-39. Answers withheld. Deut. 23:5. Delayed. Jer. 42:4, 7. Luke 18:7. Answers to exceed petition. 1 Kings 3:7-14, Acts 12:5, 15. Answers different from request. Deut. 3:23-27, 2 Cor. 12:8, 9. Read Luke 23:34-46, special verse 42.

A PRAYER IN A PILLOW.

One night the mother of two little girls was away at bedtime, and they were left to do as they would.

"I am not going to pray tonight," said Lillian when she was ready for bed.

"Why, Lillian!" exclaimed Amy, with round eyes of astonishment.

"I don't care; I am not going to. There isn't any use."

So she tumbled into bed, while Amy knelt and prayed. The little prayer finished and the light extinguished, Amy crept into bed. There was a long silence; then Lillian began to turn restlessly, giving her pillow a vigorous thump and saying crossly: "I wonder what is the matter with this pillow?" Then came a sweet little voice from Amy's side of the bed: "I guess it's 'cause there isn't any prayer in it."

PATIENCE.

A girl belonging to a church society went to call upon a cripple, taking some sweet spring flowers to the invalid. After a little conversation the visitor asked:

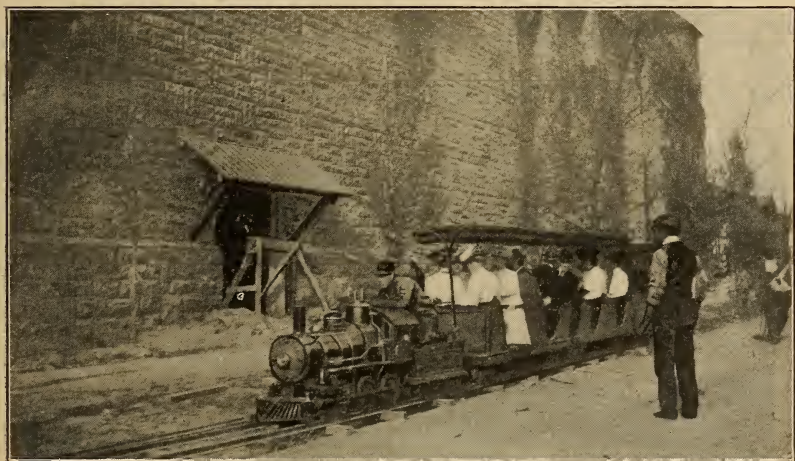
"Don't you get tired of being tied to that bed day and night, Miss Grey, week after week?"

"Yes, I think I do sometimes; that is, I grow bodily tired," was the response. "But I try not to think of that. I only want to remember that God is good and merciful. In his love he spared me, even though I am a cripple, to live, that I might learn to know him here. You see, before I was hurt I never thought about him as being a real friend and helper. But since I have been compelled to lie here quiet and helpless, I can even find joy and thankfulness in my affliction; I live to serve him, and that crowds almost every other thought out."

And the one who had come to minister went away feeling that she had received more than she had given during that brief visit. "Joy and thankfulness in affliction." Truly, only those who know him for their loving Saviour can say this.—*Young People's Weekly*

PLEASURES.

For the Lord God is a sun and a shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly. Ps. 84:11.—I said in mine heart, Go to now, I will prove thee with mirth, therefore enjoy pleasure, and, behold, this also is vanity. Eccles. 2:1.—Her ways (wisdom—religion) are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. Prov. 3:17.—The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy. Ps. 147:11.—For the Lord taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation. Ps. 149:4.—He that loveth pleasure shall be a poor man: he that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich. Prov. 21:17.—But she that liveth in pleasure is



A little train at the St. Louis Fair.

dead while she liveth. 1 Tim. 5:6.—And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection. Luke 8:14.—Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God. 2 Tim. 3:4.—Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season. Heb. 11:25.

The Lord's ways are ways of pleasantness. Many are not Christians, because they fear they may not have any more pleasure, but must live a withered and dried up life. Christ does not withhold any good thing from his own people, but only those things which may be harmful to one's own spiritual life, and that of his

companions. There are so many good pleasures to have in this life, that God's children should not partake of questionable and doubtful things. Worldly and sensual pleasures are usually false and deceitful. An old proverb says, "He buys honey too dear who licks it from thorns." The better rule to keep your life out of difficulty is to do as Jesus directed, "Follow me," and then you will always be safe in choosing your pleasures. A splendid rule to go by is, that pleasure must first have the warrant that it is without sin, or that which leads into sin; then the measure, that it is without excess.

Read Luke 19:1-10, special verse 8.

SOLD OUT.

And Esau said to Jacob, Feed me, I pray thee, with that same red pottage; for I am faint: And Jacob said, Sell me this day thy birthright. And Esau said, Behold, I am at the point to die: and what profit shall this birthright do to me? And he sold his birth-



A part of Lead City, S. D.

right unto Jacob. Gen. 25:30-33.—Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests, and said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver. Matt. 26: 14, 15.—And from thenceforth Pilate sought to release him: but the Jews cried out, saying, If thou let this man go, thou art not Cæsar's friend: Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King?

The chief priests answered, We have no king but Cæsar. Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus, and led him away. Jno. 19:12, 15, 16.—For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica. 2 Tim. 4:10.

Some years past a man discovered gold in the Black Hills. He had labored long and sacrificed the home joys and comforts, and had to endure all the hardships that belong to such a life in an unexplored region. The homestake mine at Lead City, S. D., is one of the richest in the world. It was his. At the present it employs 3000 men all the time. It has already given to the world \$80,000,000, and he sold out for a paltry little sum. Esau sold out his right to the rich inheritance for a mess of pottage. Judas Iscariot sold his Savior, and Lord for a few pieces of silver. Pilate sold Jesus to the Jews for the mere friendship of a bad king. Demas sold out his interest in heaven for a few pleasures of this world. Adam and Eve sold their glory for just a bite of an apple. Many people are selling their souls to the devil for the sake of a few trifling things of this world. It is necessary to sacrifice some things here, but it means to gain greater ones in eternity. "He that shall endure to the end, shall be saved. Matt. 24:13.—Are you selling out your interest in heaven? Read John 11:25-46, special verse 35.

BACKWARD AND FORWARD.

One old lady kept a sighing;
 Said she wasn't young,
 Didn't look as sweet's she used to,
 Times were all unstrung;
 Troubles, doubled aches, and favors
 Went a flying past,
 Wrinkles stung like thorns, and eyesight
 Kept a failing fast.

One old lady kept a saying
 Life was like the spring,
 Brighter blossoms always coming,
 Birds around to sing;
 Troubles came—and went; she let 'em,
 Didn't count the throng.
 Thanked the Lord 'most every morning
 She'd been young so long!

Jessie M. Shaw.

HE'LL UNDERSTAND.

"In the course of my ministrations," says Rev. J. W. Dawson, "through the slums of London I came upon a sad case, that of a woman, the mother of five children, the eldest of whom was a girl of nine or ten.

"The mother at the time the family first came under my notice was dying of consumption. The father, a hard working man, was barely able to earn sufficient to supply the meager wants of the family, and they were often in dire straits.

"The bulk of the work devolved on the oldest girl, Mary by name. Never have I seen the title of 'Little Mother' more appropriately earned. She not only had the invalid to care for, but the younger children as well, and Mary was often a very tired little girl.

"Mary's duties soon were lightened to a certain extent by her mother's death, but made heavier in another by the added responsibility of the little family. The burden of the children and the house was very heavy after the mother had gone. While she lived Mary had always felt there was someone to direct and guide her, but now she was forced to rely upon herself entirely.

"Mary's health, none too strong at any time, soon began to fail under the great responsibility which had fallen on her shoulders. The care of the children, the cooking, the washing and ironing, the sweeping and bed-making were too much for the little woman's strength. Day by day she failed, fewer and fewer became the outings which the lusty baby enjoyed. The little fellow soon became too heavy for the thin, weak arms of the 'little mother;' and it was but seldom that she could muster courage and energy enough to carry him down the steep stairs, which were his only breathing ground.

"The day came when even the slightest exertion was impossible for poor Mary and she was forced to depend upon the kind services of neighbors as poor as she was herself. Mary failed rapidly. She was soon confined to her bed, and then I procured the services of one of my 'helpers' who took up Mary's work where the 'little mother,' in sheer helplessness, had laid it down.

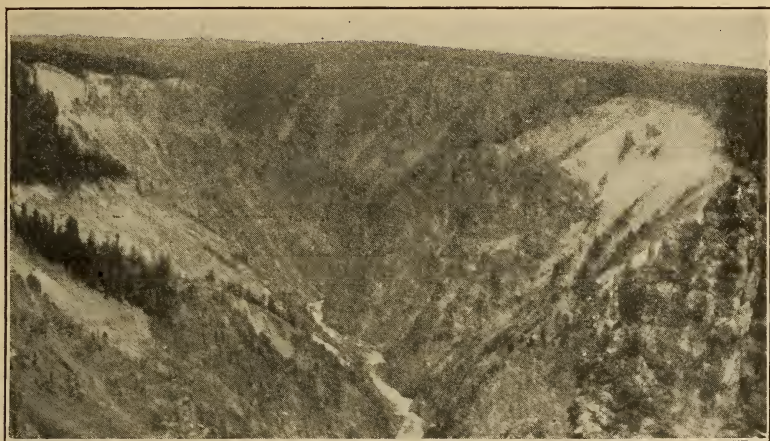
"On one of my daily visits, as I stood in the doorway, unannounced, I heard the murmur of childish voices. A little friend of Mary's was sitting with her and had been laboriously spelling out some verses of the Bible.

"'O Maggie!' I heard Mary say. 'Whatever will I say to Jesus when I meet him and he asks me why I did not go to church and why I did not pray? You know I was so tired, Maggie, so tired, I just couldn't.'

“ ‘Never you mind, Mary,’ the other child replied. ‘When you see Jesus just show him your hands, Mary, and he will understand.’ ”

WORKS OF GOD.

Many, O Lord my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered. Ps. 40:5.—Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O Lord; neither are there any works like unto thy works. Ps. 86:8.—He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and



hath stretched out the heavens by his discretion. Jer. 10:12.—For the word of the Lord is right; and all his works are done in truth. Ps. 33:4.—I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. Ps. 139:14.—Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks, unto thee do we give thanks: for that thy name is near: thy wondrous works declare. Ps. 75:1.—For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. Eph. 2:10.—For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. Phil. 2:13.

The earth, with her many voices, praises God: Everything about this great globe sends its smile back to Him in thanksgiving. “Nature,” says Novalis, “is an Aeolian harp, a musical instru-

ment, whose tones are the re-echo of higher strings within us." This is beautifully expressed, and true indeed. The Grand Canon of the Yellowstone is undoubtedly the most picturesque spot on the face of the earth. We are looking down the river to Inspiration Point, and the Old Canon. At that point the sides are almost perpendicular. The sloping walls shown here must be nearly one-half mile from the top to the river. The river, as it foams, rushes, and dashes, along at a mad rate, seems like a blue ribbon laid down there to make the scenic effect more entrancing. The width is possibly 100 feet to 150 feet. The volcanic rock formation called rhyolite has been decomposed by the action of the hot water and steam underneath it. The water and steam may still be seen spouting out all along the brink of the river of the New Canon. The New Canon was made by erosion, or the cutting away of this softened rock by the stream of water, aided by the elements of rain, frost, and snow. The softer portion has been carried down the river, but the harder portions are left standing on the sides, and form pinnacles, spires, and domes just as though the Creator had planned them, and placed them there, as these ornaments are placed upon a cathedral. The balmy pine tree is clinging to the rocky edges everywhere. How wonderful the richness, and variety of colors! On other canons, and gorges there is the dead dull sameness, but here as a flaming fire. The artist stands mute before this scene. The camera and pigments will never be able to reproduce it. It would be like a baby trying to form the fountains of the deep. The primary colors are red and yellow with all their varying shades, intermixed with the browns, greys, black, and lavender. Then God's sunshine pouring down upon it, and the soft blue sky above make the view, even more enchanting. Words fail to express the beauty and grandeur of it. The blending and harmony of the shades of colors seem perfect. Who would venture to suggest a different arrangement of these? In short, it seemed that God had permitted this chasm to rise up, and kiss one of his most beautiful ocean sunsets, and then to return to earth with all its richness enameled upon its face. I wonder what the Psalmist would have said, had he been permitted to view this, at once, awful, solemn, beautiful, majestic and sublime spectacle of nature. The little blade of grass and the tiny flower are magnificent marks of a mighty power not understood by the mind of man. All the combined power of the steam engines of the world could not bring these out of the ground. What a lonesome and empty feeling must an infidel—one who believes nothing,—and an agnostic—one who knows nothing about eternity—experience in their lives without God. Saint Paul says, That the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance. Rom. 2:4.—Even so,

ought the marvellous works of Nature which is all around us, lead us back to God. If we could all stand before this wonderful scene for a while and ponder over its formation, and then consider too, the starry heavens, and the workmanship of the human eye, the ear, the hand and the heart, and then think of the soul within us. I believe with all these testimonies any one should be drawn to the real knowledge of God and of Jesus Christ. How many live on the husks like the Prodigal son rather than the good? Luke 15: 18. See pp. 179 to 183 and 228. Read Acts 1:1-12, special verse 8.

THE BANNERS.

We rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners: the Lord will fulfill all thy petitions. Ps. 20:5.—Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth. Ps. 60:4.—I am not ashamed of



the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. Rom. 1:16.—For whosoever shall be ashamed of me (Jesus) and of my words of him shall the Son of man be ashamed when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's and of the holy angels. Luke 9:26.

It was on a hot summer day in Minneapolis in 1906 that the Veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic marched with their banners unfurled to the ever soul-stirring music of the fife and drum. Many of them were too aged to march when the heat was so intense, but the moment they heard the old-time music and saw the Stars and Stripes floating in the air they were anxious to "fall in." Nothing could keep them out of the ranks even when the

doctors advised against running the risk. One high officer when told that he could not stand so much fatigue, said he would rather fall while marching with his flag than anywhere else. He marched but was soon overcome, and sank to the earth to rise no more. These veterans were not ashamed of their banners which they had willingly forty years before offered their lives to uphold and defend. As these brave old men passed by you so light-hearted and cheerful you just felt like "falling in" too, and marching with them. I wonder what you have done with your Christian banners. Are they unfurled to the world about you? Some quite good people have religion for one hour on the Sabbath and then very carefully fold it up and lay it away for the other 167 hours of the week. Some find all manner of excuses to hide it behind. Mr. Moody once said, "It is a very solemn thought that God will excuse you, if you want to be excused. He does not wish to do it, but he will do it." Your excuse for not witnessing for Christ before the world; your failing to be regularly at the church services and prayer meeting; your failing to stand for the right when among scoffers and mockers of religion as you ought to, is the cause of much shame to Christ.

"Jesus, and shall it ever be,

A mortal man ashamed of thee?

Ashamed of thee, whom angels praise,

Whose glories shine through endless days?"

Read Daniel 1:8-21, special verse 8.

THE FLAG.

Richmond Pearson Hobson said in Brooklyn: "It is a good thing for us to be proud of our country because she is great, but it is a better thing to be proud of her because she is good. You cannot name a navy officer who is not a God-fearing man. He is bound to be a God-fearing man. For four years every man of them must go to church every Sunday, and every fourth Sunday you will hear a clause like this: 'It is enjoined upon every officer and enlisted man to attend the service of God.' * * * On Sunday morning the bugle will begin to blow slowly. That is the call for divine service. Then you will see the flag lowered, and another flag go way up in the air. Look at this, please. It is a white cross on a blue background. You will see the national flag go up slowly and stop just under the other flag. This is to me very impressive. There is not another flag under heaven, made by the hand of man, that can float above our stars and stripes. * * * You will see that glorious flag waving proudly above things of this earth, but you

will see it looking up in humility to the flag of the white cross above."

TWO STREAMS.

But now that the Lord hath set apart him that is godly for himself: the Lord will hear when I call unto him. Ps. 4:6, 3.—Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, the Lord knoweth them that are his: and every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. 2 Tim. 2:19.—Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? 2 Cor. 6:14.—But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people: that



ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 1 Pet. 2:9.—Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savor, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Matt. 5:13.—For many are called, but few are chosen. Matt. 22:14.

The world lieth in the "evil one" says Apostle John. It has been and is God's plan to save man from the power of this evil one—the devil. Christ came to do the redeeming work. See Matt. 1:21.—Redeem them from sin and its terrible consequence. These then become a peculiar people unto God, standing in different relation to him: than the people of the world. (Jno. 17:1, 14). Mixed up with the world, but not of the world. A chosen and separated people. Sin is very enticing and allures God's people into wrong paths. The two cannot possibly keep company very

long, until the one or the other has conquered. The Christian has gained the sinful one, or the sinful one has stained the life of the Christian. You will be known by the company you keep. We may gather a lesson on this point from the above scene. Up in the mountains of Japan, near Ashinoyu, are two springs. Where the man stands is a small stream of hot sulphur water issuing forth, and under the large rock, quite a stream of cold sulphur water flows out. If the hot water should flow into the larger cold stream, it would soon be overcome. The Japanese keep this little stream separated for a special purpose. Read Matt. 28—, special verse 19.

SAM JONES' CONVERSION.

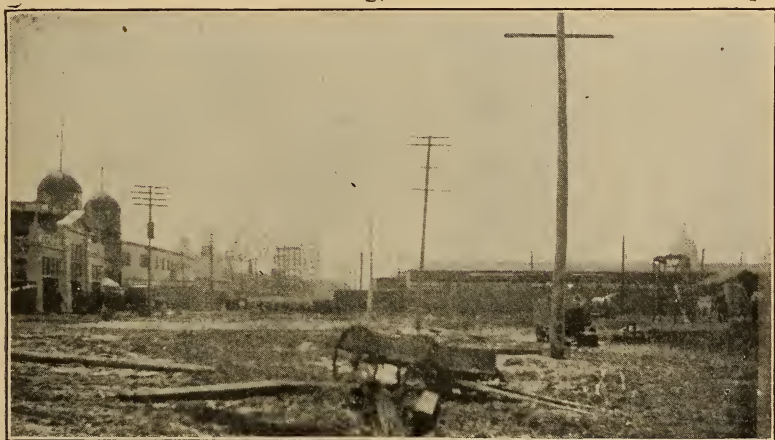
Sam Jones was once asked how long it took him to get religion. "Well" he said, "I was fooling along at it a whole week, but as soon as I meant business, I got it right there. I went along a whole week a-mourning, an' a-crying, an' a-praying, but at last I said, 'Sam Jones, you will have to give this thing up; you'll have to do something more than weeping and praying.'" I had an idea that the more you prayed and the more you cried and the more you moaned, 'the more better,' as the darky said, 'you get it when you do get it.' Well, as I have said, I kept on a whole week. At the end of the week I took a calm, sensible survey of the field, and said: 'Sam Jones, you haven't moved an inch. You've turned 'around instead of going forward.' And I just stood right there and gathered up every sin of my life and threw every one of them down in a common pile; and then I crossed the bridge to the other side; and, lest I should return, I stopped and set fire to the bridge, and watched the last spark drop into the water and waited till I saw the pillars topple to the ground, and it was not fifteen minutes till I was in the arms of God, a saved man. If you give up your sins, every step you take is toward God; and as long as you keep them in your life, every step you take is toward the devil. 'What must I do to be saved?' 'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ.' 'How can I believe?' Repent. If you do repent, you cannot keep from believing to save your life."

RUN NO RISK.

I sink in deep mire, where there is no standing: I am come into deep waters, where the floods overflow me. Deliver me out of the mire, and let me not sink. Ps. 69:2, 14. He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my foot

upon a rock, and established my goings. Ps. 40:2.—O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps. Jer. 10:23.—The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his day. Ps. 37:23.—Teach me thy way, O Lord; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name. Ps. 86:11.—Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men. Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass on. But the path of the just (righteous) is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day. The way of the wicked is as darkness: they know not at what they stumble. Prov. 4:14, 15, 18, 19.

The scene is just outside of the North entrance to the St. Louis Fair, before it was paved. The owner of the wagon left



the high road and solid ground and attempted to go a doubtful way, venturing to cross this muddy place and stuck fast in the mire. He managed to get the horse out, but the wagon,—Alas! So it is with many beginners in the Christian life as well as many older ones. They venture into doubtful, questionable and dangerous ways—worldly amusements, dances, theaters, card parties, reading harmful books and such like, which will in time ruin any spiritual life. Jesus said "Watch." Matt. 24:42. Are you like this wagon in your spiritual life? Goliath left off his helmet. He did not dream that the little pebble in David's hand would harm him in the least. He would mock at it, but he lost his life by running the risk. These things are the little stones that ruin the life. Read 2 Cor. 5—, special verse 10.

COMMON GROUND.

The rich and the poor meet together: the Lord is the maker of them all. Prov. 22:2.—Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; that they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life. 1 Tim. 6:17-19.—Let the brother of low degree rejoice in that he is exalted: but the rich, in that he is made low: because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away. Jas. 1:9, 10.—Then Peter said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons. Acts 10:34.—For there is no respect of persons with God. Rom.



2:11.—For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost. Luke 19:10.

It was a blessed arranged plan that Jesus came to this world to save the lost without distinction of person. A soul is a soul to him. While there are made distinctions here on earth, yet before God all are lost in sin, and need the same divine Savior. The prince and his servant, black and white, must be saved on the same terms. It is the only common ground. By looking at the three women, one would naturally judge that there was no inequality, but there is a difference. The one on the right is a Japanese Nobleman's daughter, and the others are her servants. The one is worth her thousands in money, and the others are dependent on her for a living. There is only one door to heaven, and all that will enter, must enter by the same door. There is only one com-

mon ground, and that is at the Cross of Christ. All must meet here. Read Acts 16:25-40, special verse 31.

GRACE AND CHARACTER.

A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favor rather than silver and gold. Prov. 22:1.—A good name is better than precious ointment; and the day of death than the day of one's birth. Eccles. 7:1.—That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby



they lie in wait to deceive. Eph. 4:14.—But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 2 Pet. 3:18.—Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed. Jno. 8:31.—They go from strength to strength, every one of them in Zion appeareth before God. Ps. 84:7.—But the path of the just is as a shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day. Prov. 4:18.—Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Phil. 3:12-14.—

That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God. Col. 1:10.—But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered awhile, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. 1 Pet. 5:10.

I place these two subjects together from the fact that "grace" includes the other, and especially is this true in speaking of the Christian life. There will be no Christian character, until the grace (divine favor) of God through the redeeming work of Jesus has begun in the life. Christian character is growing a flower for God. Growing in God's favor day by day. Wonderful!! A lesson may be gathered from the picture. The Japanese are quite proud of their national flower—the chrysanthemum. This man and his wife were devoted to them. He first found the soil, and then the planting, succeeded by the growing time. It takes time for trees, plants, and flowers to grow to maturity. That is not all, for the flowers had to have the proper attention given them. You will see how careful they are with them. They will take a soft brush, and tenderly brush the leaves on both sides, freeing the plant of any insect or any thing that may be injurious to its growth. With such care the little flower will develop into a large beautiful one. St. Peter exhorts all to "grow in grace," that is in the "divine favor," and knowledge of Jesus Christ. The heart is the soil, and the Word of God is the Seed (Luke 8:11, 12) to be sown in the soil, and then this must be watered by the presence of the Holy Spirit, and prayer. You will begin a life that will then grow, and character will develop until the time of reaping—when the great Lord of heaven shall send his angel to pluck it, (the life) and bear it hence, and to preserve it to shew forth his glory of Redemption in the ages to come. Eph. 2:8.—This is the death so called. A tree will not only lie as it falls, but it will fall as it leans. The great question for all of us is this: Does my soul lean toward God with all its affections, or away from him? Character is made by leaning toward Him. Character is undone, and destroyed by leaning from God. Some one has said, "That being of grace must go before the increase; for there is no growth without life, and no building without a foundation." "Grace," says Mr. T. Adams, "comes into the soul, as the morning sun into the world: first a dawning; then a light; and then at last the sun in his full brightness." St. Paul tells us how to grow: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God." 2 Tim. 2:15.—When God makes your character, then your reputation will be guarded safely. What kind of a flower are you growing for eternity? Character is what you are, and reputation is what people say you are. Reputation is only the shell. Character is the kernel. Read John 8:1-12.

SOLDIERS.

And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on his (Jesus) head, and they put on a purple robe, and said, Hail, King of the Jews! and they smote him with their hands. Jno. 19:2, 3.—Thou therefore endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life that he may please him who hath chosen him to a soldier. 2 Tim. 2:3, 4.—Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God, who hath saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began. 2 Tim. 1:8, 9.—



Yet I supposed it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, and companion in labor, and fellow soldier, but your messenger, and he that ministered to my wants. Phil. 2:25.

These are Philippine soldiers marching on the opening day at the World's Fair, St. Louis. Willingness, earnestness, obedience and endurance are the faithful marks of the good soldier. Unity is their marching note, and they keep perfect step with their commander. There is no falling out of rank, though they be weary and fatigued. Pilate had his soldiers. Jesus now has his soldiers—a wonderful army, scattered over this wide world, wheresoever man is found. Saint Paul tells us that, Our citizenship is in heaven. Phil. 3:20. That is the Christians true home. If he will not fight for that what will he fight for? Christ's soldiers know but one weapon—the Bible. (*Over*).

Must I be carried to the skies,
 | On flowery beds of ease,
 While others fought to win the prize,
 And sailed through bloody seas?

Since I must fight if I would reign,
 Increase my courage, Lord!
 I'll bear the toil, endure the pain,
 Supported by Thy grace.

Read Gen. 12:1-5, and 5:1-7.

THANKFUL FOR THE TRACKS.

It is a blessing that we have to do the things today that we do not want to do. We may be in sharp rebellion against the pressure of the limitations that shut us in and prescribe today's duty. So is the locomotive, with its train of cars, in rebellion against the narrow, sharply defined rails within which it is set, and which curve and turn this way and that, compelling the locomotive to follow; it rebels against every turn in the track, and would, if it could, jump clear and go straight ahead on its own spontaneous, unhindered way. And then it would be glad to get back onto the smoother running, even narrowly limited and sharply dictatorial track again. For that is the only way by which it can reach its goal; and it is also the way of least wear and tear, strain and obstruction. Our own sweet wills, spontaneous and uncontrolled, would not make a good substitute for the steel rails of duty and environment in which God has set us. These God-ordained, lovingly prescribed limitations hold us and insist that we shall work by a better plan than our own. Let us be thankful for the tracks that mean safety from a ditching.—*S. S. Times*.

WHAT TO READ.

If you have the blues, read the twenty-seventh Psalm.

If your pocketbook is empty, read the thirty-seventh Psalm.

If you are losing confidence in man, read the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians.

If people seem unkind, read the fifteenth chapter of St. John.

If you are discouraged about your work, read the one hundredth and twenty-sixth Psalm.

If you find the world growing small and yourself great, read the nineteenth Psalm.

If you cannot have your way in everything, keep silent and read the third chapter of St. James.

If you are all out of sorts, read the twelfth chapter of Hebrews.

WORKERS.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work. Ex. 6:8, 9.—But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicings in himself alone, and not in another. Gal. 6:4.—For we are laborers together with God. 1 Cor. 3:9.—Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? Jas. 2:22.—For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. Phil. 2:13.—And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to do good works. Heb. 10:24.—But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed. Jas. 1:25.—I have glorified thee on earth:



I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. Jno. 17:4.—For God is not unrighteous to forget your labor of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister. Heb. 6:10.

The Christian is set apart to work in union with God. Jesus says, I am the vine and ye are the branches. Jno. 15:5. The vine and the branches are really one and must necessarily work together. God has commanded his people to work six days and to rest the seventh day. It is a special day for meditation on things eternal. Doing anything but good, or of real necessity on this day is a positive sin. Riotious pleasure is not even permissible. We are workers together with God for all that makes for good, and for the salvation of this world. The Japanese are drawing a load of sand up the big bluff in Yokohama. In front a woman and a man are pul-

ling. Two men are pushing behind the cart. As they toil, they sing in their peculiar fashion, keeping step with the music. By so doing they are able to accomplish their work easier and better. That is the manner and spirit in which the people should work, particularly the Christian. If there should be no room in front for you to pull, do not complain, or be disturbed about it, but just slip around to the rear and put your shoulder to the wheel and push. God will see your good work, and will remember it, even if people about you do not. It will lighten the burden for some one, and all will feel better and happier over it. It would surely be unjust to get on to ride, adding more burden. But a good many are doing this very thing. The great Apostle admonishes us thus, And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as unto the Lord, and not unto men. Col. 3:23.

"Is the world better or worse where I tread?
What have I done in the years that are dead?
What have I left in the way as I passed—
Foibles to perish, or blessings to last?"

"Be strong! We are not here to play, to dream, to drift,
We have hard work to do, and loads to lift.
Shun not the struggle, face it, 'tis God's gift.
Be strong, be strong!"—M. D.. Babcock.

Read Acts 19:13-21, special verse 19.

"HEARTS AT HAME."

I've kept the heart at hame, dear,
Though far afield I've been,
While seasons went and came, dear,
Through many a changing scene;
It had no wish to rove, dear,
Forevermore the same,
Bound fast within your love, dear,
I've kept the heart at hame.

Ah yes, the world I've seen, dear,
From zone to zone, but mind,
What does such seeing mean, dear,
When hearts are left behind?
So let the world go by, dear,
A fig for all its fame!
For love is best for aye, dear,
With hearts kept fast at hame.

—Rose Mills Powers

LOVE AND UNITY.

Have we not all one father? hath not one God created us? why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, by profaning the covenant of our fathers? Mal. 2:10.—But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him: and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him. 1 Cor. 8:6.—For he (Jesus) is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us. Eph. 2:14.—Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love: in honour preferring one another. Rom. 12:10.—A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another: as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. Jno.



13:34.—Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! Ps. 133:1.

Christ's great work was to bring man into unity with God, and to establish better relations of man with man. Outside of Christ every man is for himself. The scene is in a large Japanese hotel at Nikko. The room as you see it is about seventy feet long. It was on a balmy September day, and the guests all consented to remove the paper slide partitions, which divided their rooms, and to have all things in common for that time. The first man is having his tea. The next has just come in, and the rest are having their breakfast. In the Japanese hotels there are no dining rooms as we have them, but each one dines in his own room. The servants are sitting on the left side. It is blessed to dwell together in unity. In the home and in the church the motto should be "love and unity." How sublime the thought of Victor Hugo, when he

said, "Life was a flower of which love is the honey." We may hammer ice to pieces, but it is still ice; place it in the sunshine and it melts. Under the sunshine of God's love most any trial and difficulty will melt away. Read Ephesians 5—, special verse 6.

SAM JONES' SAYINGS.

Many a fellow is praying for rain with his tub wrong side up. Repentance is the first conscious movement of the soul from sin toward God.

Let me say to you: If you can't help but one family in town, let that be the family which needs the help. I have a profound contempt for folks who are always helping those who don't need any help.

Religion is like the measles; if it goes in on you it will kill you. The trouble with a great many Christians in this city is, religion has gone in on them. Keep it broken out on the hands, feet, and tongue.

Everybody ought to keep good company. There is not an angel in heaven that would not be corrupted by the company that some of you keep.

You have no more right to flaunt your diamonds and your riches in the face of the poor man than you have to shake bread in the face of a hungry man and not give him any of it.

AN EXCELLENT PRESCRIPTION.

A rather eccentric yet eminent physician was called to attend a middle-aged rich lady, who had imaginary ills. After many wise inquiries about her symptoms and manner of life, he asked for a piece of paper, and wrote down the following prescription:

"Do something for somebody."

In the gravest manner he handed it to the patient and left. The doctor heard nothing from the lady for a long time. On Christmas morning he was hastily summoned to the cottage of her Irish washerwoman.

"It's not meself, doctor; it's me wrist that's ailing. Ye see I was after going out into the black darkness for a few bits of wood, when me foot struck this basket. It stood there like a big mercy as it was, full of soft flannel, from Mrs. Walker. She towld me that your medicine cured her, doctor. So, if you plaze, to put a little of that same on me wrist, I'll be none the worse for me nice present." "It's a powerful remedy," said the doctor, gravely. And more than once in after years he wrote the prescription:

"Do something for somebody."

THE TEMPLE.

Now when the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin heard that the children of the captivity builded the temple unto the Lord of Israel. Ezra 4:1.—(These builders had enemies all about them. See same chapter.) One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in his temple. Ps. 27:4.—We have thought of thy loving kindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple. Ps. 48:9.—Two men went up into the temple to pray: the one a pharisee, and the other a publican. Luke 18:10.—Know ye not that ye are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you. 1 Cor. 3:16.—And



what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God: as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them: and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 2 Cor. 6:16.—What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which ye have of God, and that ye are not your own? 1 Cor. 6:17.

Asakusa Temple is one of the largest in Japan. It is located in the suburb of Asakusa, (Asaksa,) Tokio. To this place the multitudes go to worship Buddha every day, and every hour of the day. The idols on page 65 are located outside the temple gate, page 94. It is a superstitious worship indeed. It drew out one's sympathy to see the people bowing before the big dumb bronze idol inside the temple, having no eyes to see, no ears to hear, and no heart to love. The holy doves flit about you, expecting some

sort of entertainment in the way of food which is kept for sale by women on either side of the pavement. God has truly established his house of worship and prayer on earth. You remember that Moses built the first tabernacle, and some centuries later Solomon erected the first temple. To these places the people all went to worship, and God's presence dwelt continually in the division of these buildings called the Holy of Holies. No person was permitted to enter this part, but the High-priest, who did so once a year. When Jesus came into the world, he brought in a new dispensation, virtually a new life, and a better hope was given by him. While God's presence dwells in his churches in a certain sense to-day, yet in reality this has been changed, so that now the Believer becomes the living temple of the living God. His Holy Spirit dwells in them after conversion. Do you realize this? Read Phillipians 3—, special verse 10.

GAVE WHAT SHE HAD.

Rev. G. Campbell Morgan tells this story: "Some years ago, at home, a woman came to me at the close of the Sunday morning service, and said: 'Oh, I would give anything to be in this work actively and actually. I would give anything to have some living part in the work that is going on here next week in winning men and women to Christ, but I do not know what to do.' I said, 'My sister, are you prepared to give the Master the five loaves and two fishes you possess?' She said, 'I do not know that I have five loaves and two fishes.' I said, 'Have you anything you have used in any way specially?' 'No, she did not think she had.' 'Well,' I said, 'Can you sing?' Her reply was, 'Yes, I sing at home, and I have sung before now in an entertainment.' 'Well, now,' I said, 'let us put our hand on that. Will you give the Lord your voice for the next ten days?' She said, 'I will.' I shall never forget that Sunday evening. I asked her to sing, and she sang. She sang the Gospel message with the voice she had, feeling that it was a poor, worthless thing, and that night there came out of that meeting into the inquiry room one man. That man said to me afterwards that it was the Gospel song that reached his heart; and from that day to this—that is now eleven or twelve years ago—that man has been one of the mightiest workers for God in that city and country I have ever known. How was it done? A woman gave the Master what she had."

Many doubts are so absurd that the only way to combat them is by gentle ridicule.—*Spurgeon*.

TO MINISTER.

Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many. Matt. 20:28. —And when Jesus was come into Peter's house, he saw his wife's mother laid, and sick of a fever. And he touched her hand, and the fever left her: and she arose, and ministered unto them. Matt. 8:14, 15.—There was a certain man in Cæsarea called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian, a devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave alms to the people, and prayed to God alway. And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before



God. Acts 10: 1, 2. 4.—Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Heb. 13:21.—Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even to to them: for this is the law and the prophets. Matt. 7:12.

There are many blind Japanese. They do not live on charity as a rule, but generally provide for themselves when necessity compels them so to do, without becoming notorious beggars in the public highway. In the evening, usually about six o'clock you will hear a shrill whistle in the street. This is the signal that such one is looking for work to gain the next day's rice, as well as doing some good in return. The Japanese verily believe in the massage

treatment, especially those who are troubled with rheumatism. They are called in, to minister to the afflicted in the manner indicated above. The primary work of Jesus was to save people from sin, still he ever ministered to their temporal and physical necessities also. He feeds the multitude, see Matt. 14:15, and 15:22. By a word spoken or a tender touch with his hand he heals the sick. He left his disciples an example how to work, and expects of them this kindness to each other. The hospitals for the sick should be kept up, and good homes for the homeless children, and also for the poor, aged and infirm. This is what makes life worth living. Just help some one who needs it.

“If you live for self, you live in vain,
If you live for Christ, you’ll live again.”

WHAT WON KIMURA.

In *The Missionary World*, Kimura, the Japanese Evangelist, tells the story of how he was won for Christ.

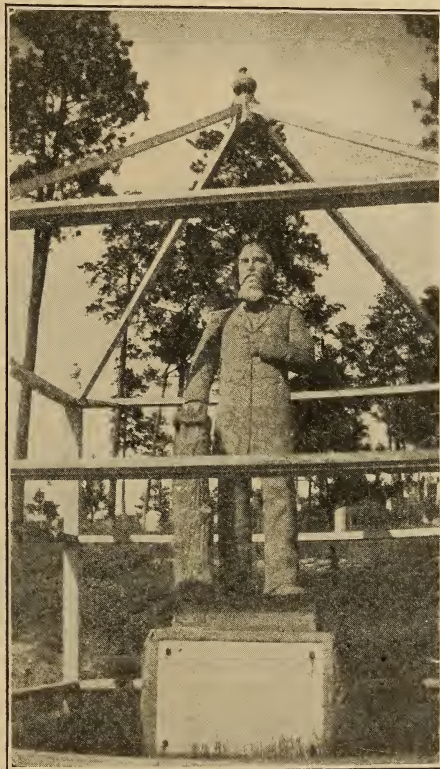
“A missionary teacher, a lady, came and got twenty-five Japanese boys into a class to tell us about Jesus. We had great curiosity to see this foreign lady, and not caring about Jesus, we did care to see how everything looked—her dress, her books, her furniture, her pictures, but every time she would have us read the Bible. We had the Gospel of Luke. Soon we read till we came to the crucifixion. She could not speak Japanese; she had the English Bible; we had the Bible in Japanese language.

“When we read the story of the cross, she got down on her knees and prayed for us. We could not understand, but watched her close; soon she began to cry; then she fell on her face, weeping bitterly. Then twenty-five Japanese boys cried, too.

“Then inside of three weeks all us twenty-five boys gave our hearts to Jesus. She did not reach us through our heads; she reached our hearts; and when you have Jesus in your heart, it is well. Many of these twenty-five boys are evangelists and preachers. My father kept a wine shop; soon I led him and mother to Jesus, and the business was given up. Then I led many more Japanese to Christ. It is not so necessary that the missionary have the language if she have the love of God for souls in her heart; that was what won me; all because this woman who could not speak our language loved our souls.”

FAITHFUL.

My servant Moses is not so, who is faithful in all mine house. Num. 12:7.—O love the Lord, all ye his saints: for the Lord preserveth the faithful. Ps. 31:23.—His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord. Matt. 25:23.—Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful. 1 Cor. 4:2.—And the



things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. 2 Tim. 2:22.—Fear none of these things which thou shalt suffer: behold the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried: and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. Rev. 2:10.

The statue is that of the first Methodist Preacher to the Black Hills. He was killed near Deadwood by the Indians, while on his way to an out-station to preach the gospel. If we could say with Saint Paul, "Yea, doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the

excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but refuse, that I may win Christ." Phil. 3:8.—God places his seal of love upon the faithful one, standing for his truth in this evil world. Sometimes it is difficult to be faithful. Paul exhorts us very timely, "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made you free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. Gal. 5:1.—Bishop Horne once said, "When men cease to be faithful to their God, he who expects to find them so to each other will be disappointed." Read Philipians 1—, special verse 20.

INSPIRATION.

And God spake all these words. Ex. 20:1.—And the Lord said unto Moses, Write thou these words. Ex. 34:27.—Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes. Duet. 11:18.—All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. 2 Tim. 3:16.—For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. (Spirit) 2 Pet. 1:21.—God who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son (Jesus). Heb. 1:1, 2.—But he (Elijah) himself went a days journey into the wilderness, and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O Lord take away my life; for I am no better than the fathers. And the angel of the Lord came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee. And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the Lord. 1 Kings 19:4, 7, 11.—Job, said, Let the day perish wherein I was born. Job. 3:2, 3.—As I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. Be strong and of good courage. Josh. 1:5, 6.—Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee: yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. Isa. 41:10.

On the west side of the Grand Canon, Yellowstone Park, there are three principal points of view, going north from the Lower Falls. The first is Point Lookout, (see pages 181 and 207) the second, Grand View and the third, Inspiration Point, which is higher than the others. It is about 1500 feet above the river and

the others about 1200 feet. These places or points which extend out into the Canon, appear to have been designed by Providence and left standing there for the visitor to drink in the magnificent and almost enchanting spectacle of nature. Here is where one may, as the poet Pope said, "Look through nature up to nature's God." If you want to get a spiritual uplift, just stand on Point Lookout or Grand View. If you want to know and feel how little you really are and at the same time be inspired with the goodness, mercy and wonders of a mighty God, stand on this Inspiration Point. Here you will almost forget, whether you are in the body or out of the body. This Point is very applicable to the Scriptures, the Old and New Testaments. Here we see the dividing line of the Old Canon and New Canon. Looking down the stream, we



see the massive and majestic walls of the Old, and looking up the river, the eye gleams the wonders and beauties of the New. The Scriptures are inspired of God—that is God given. God cannot trust man with his Word until he comes to stand on Inspiration Point, where he may receive and believe them with all his heart. Job became very much discouraged over the loss of almost every earthly thing he had, and wished he had never been born. He was afflicted in body, too. God was testing his faith. He could not understand thy "Why" of all this. He was even told to curse God and die, but in all his misery said, Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him. Job. 13:15.—He was blessed abundantly afterward for being faithful to God. See Job. Ch. 42.—Even Elijah wanted to die. He got discouraged beyond measure, and tried to run away from his troubles, his work and his God. The Lord follow-

ed him, and treated him very kindly. He thought the world was against him, and it was. His best friend was God. He was told to get out of the cave, and go, stand upon the Mount before the Lord. God spoke to him there, and inspired him to a higher life. I presume most of us get into the same fix that good Elijah was in, and wish to get away from all the disturbing things of life. The Lord will probably find us in a cave sometimes, and will say, "What doest thou here?" 1 Kings 19:13.—"Come, let us reason together." Isa. 1:18.—He wants to speak to us. He can speak away the things that hurt, as the father or mother by a loving word can stop the tears of the child.

"Speak to my soul dear Jesus,
Speak in tenderest tones of love."

Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believe. And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief. Mark 9:23, 24.—This is how we need to pray, too.

I am glad there is a depth in the Bible I know nothing about, said Mr. Moody; that there is a height there I can not climb to if I should live to be as old as Methuselah; I venture to say if I should live for ages on the earth I would only have touched its surface.

I pity the man who knows all the Bible, for it is a pretty good sign he doesn't know himself. A man came to me with what he thought was a very difficult passage, and he said:

"Mr. Moody, how do you explain it?"

I said, "I don't explain it."

"But how do you interpret it?"

"I don't interpret it."

"Well, how do you understand it?"

"I don't understand it."

"But what do you do with it?"

"I don't do anything with it."

"You don't believe it?"

"Yes, I believe it. There are lots of things that I believe that I do not understand. In the third chapter of John, Christ says to Nicodemus, "If you do not understand earthly things, how can you understand heavenly things?" There are a great many things about my own body I do not understand; I don't understand nature; it is filled with wonderful things I don't comprehend. Then why should I expect to know everything spiritually?" But men ask, "How can you prove the Book is inspired?" I answer, "Because it inspires me." That is one of the best proofs. It does inspire us.

WARFARE.

And the Lord said unto me, Say unto them, Go not up, neither fight; for I am not among you: lest ye be smitten before your enemies. Deut. 1:42.—This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare. 1 Tim. 1:18.—Thou shalt seek them, and shalt not find them, even them that contendeth with thee: they that war against thee shall be as nothing, and as a thing of nought. Isa. 41:12.—No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life: that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier. 2 Tim. 2:4.—But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it, lest haply ye be found even



to fight against God. Acts 5:39.—I therefore so run, not as uncertainly, so fight I, not as one that beateth the air. 1 Cor. 9:26.—Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses. 1 Tim. 6:12.

[The Christian life is a real warfare. Warfare means soldiers. Soldiers are always disciplined, and live under certain rules and regulations, and obey the commands of their officers. The Philippine soldiers at the St. Louis Fair are on duty, protecting and guarding the government officials from being trampled upon by the multitude, so they were formed into line. Every soldier of Jesus Christ must be disciplined, obedient and ever ready to serve his Master, not with earthly weapons, but with a life of love and good will. Sin is the common enemy. (*Over.*)

"My soul, be on thy guard,
 Ten thousand foes arise;
 The hosts of sin are pressing hard,
 To draw thee from the skies.

Fight on, my soul, till death
 Shall bring thee to thy God!
 He'll take thee at thy parting breath,
 Up to His blest abode."

Read Psalms 15 and 16—, special verse 11.

NOBLEST OF GOD.

Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. Ex. 20:12. A little boy hearing a party of gentlemen applauding the remark, "An honest man is the noblest work of God," boldly said that it was not true. Being asked, "What do you think is the noblest work of God?" he replied, "My mother." Who could doubt that such a boy would make a good man and true?

Rev. Sam. P. Jones once said: "An angel was sent down from heaven one day to bring back the most beautiful thing on earth. He hunted long and carefully, saw a bed of full blown American beauty roses, lovely beyond compare, and he gathered an armful and started to return to his home above. As he soared into the air he saw a baby's smile, and filled with the rapturous admiration at the sight, returned to take it, too. By its side he discovered a mother's love, and with all three in his arm, he mounted to the place beyond the skies. Just outside the pearly gates the Spirit paused for a moment and lo! the roses had withered and were dead, the baby's smile had vanished, but, strong as ever the mother's love remained: and he cast the others aside and took this and laid it at the Master's feet as the most lovely and lasting thing on earth."

HUMILITY.

"Humility is perfect quietness of heart. It is to have no trouble. It is never to be fretted or vexed or irritated or sore or disappointed. It is to expect nothing, to wonder at nothing that is done to me, to feel nothing done against me. It is to be at rest when nobody praises me, and when I am blamed or despised. It is to have a blessed home in the Lord, where I can go in and shut the door, and kneel to my Father in secret, and am at peace as in a deep sea of calmness when all around and above is trouble."

THE RESURRECTION.

I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh I shall see God. Job. 19:25, 26. As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness. Ps. 17:15.—And thou shalt be blessed: for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just. Luke 14:14.—Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice (God's) and shall come forth; they that have done good unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation. Jno. 5:28, 29. Behold, I show you a mystery: we shall not all sleep, but we (the



Christians) shall all be changed. In a moment, in the twinkle of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 1 Cor. 15:51, 52.—For our conversation (citizenship) is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Savior Jesus Christ: Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his (Christ's) glorious body. Phil. 3:29, 21—Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power. Rev. 20:6.—For second death, see Rev. 21:8, 22:11, and Matt. 25:46.—These verses refer to the unchristian.

There will be the resurrection of the believers (the just) in Jesus Christ to receive their reward for the things done while on the earth. And also of the unbelievers (the unjust) those who have wilfully and deliberately by words and deeds rejected, or neglected Jesus to appear personally before God to be judged,

and cast from his presence forever. All of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake at the resurrection time, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting abhorrence—contempt. [See Dan. 12:2.—Rev. 20:12-15.—The tomb is that of a shogun, a great Japanese general, whose grave is said to be over twenty feet deep, but all shall come forth from their graves when God shall call for them. The casting from God's presence eternally is called the second death. The Christian, like Saint Paul says, We ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the redemption of the body. Rom. 8:32.—He shall be like Christ then. Jno. 3:1-2.—What a glorious hope! Read Thes. 1—, special verse 2.

JUST LIKE GOD.

Little Mary was one morning reading with her mother in the New Testament, and this was one of the verses of the chapter:

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Jno. 3:16.

Stopping for a moment in the reading, the mother asked, "Don't you think it is very wonderful?" The child, looking surprised, replied in the negative. The mother, somewhat astonished, repeated the question, to which the little daughter replied, "Why, no, mamma. It would be wonderful if it were anybody else; but it's just like God."

REMEMBERED.

And the Lord said unto Moses, Write this for a memorial in a book, and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua: for I will utterly blot out the remembrance of Amelek from under heaven. Ex. 17:14. And these stones shall be for a memorial unto the children of Israel for ever. Josh. 4:7.—Verily I (Jesus) say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her. Matt. 26:13.—And he—the angel—said unto him—Cornelius—Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God. Acts 8:4.—By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion. Ps. 137:1.—The righteous shall be an everlasting remembrance. Ps. 112:6.—A book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and thought upon his name. Mal. 3:16. See also Rev. 13:8; 20:12; 21:27; 20:15.

Memorial, remembrance and remembered are words which carry sweet fragrance with them when placed on the right side of life. We keep in memorial the Fourth of July and Decoration

Day, for they mean much to us. One day Jesus was in Bethany and a woman came and anointed him. It may seem like a very little thing, but Jesus said it would be for a memorial of her wherever his gospel should be preached. It has been so kept. It was done out of true devotion to her Savior and Lord. The good deeds done and the kind words spoken by our loved ones and friends are ever before us. We cannot get away from them. This splendid scene I found in Milwaukee, and it brings to our mind so much. It is a statue of George Washington given by a woman to the city. "To be remembered by what he has done." The woman is directing the thought of her little boy to his name. There is much to think about. To think of his noble boyhood; to think of his splendid young manhood; to think of his rugged honesty; to think of his bravery as a soldier; and at the same time his kindness and



gentleness as a man. To think of his solid Christian character, and his confidence in the eternal Father when everything seemed to be going against him; to think of his love and patriotic spirit for his country—to which he would give eight long years of his life without asking one penny of pay. He was true to his ideal. He stood for liberty in its true sense; for the home; for all that was good and noble for the people. He was a great man. As we go along through life, and even after we lay down this earthly life down will some one be able to point to our names, remembering a kindness shown in some way? There are a plenty of sham bouquets thrown at us you know; but to have some sincere heart to place a little flower upon the grave, saying, "In remembrance of a kindly deed." While she points to this great name, yet I would direct your thought to a greater NAME—a perfect NAME—JESUS.

For there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. Acts 4:12.—To him (Jesus) bear all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins. Acts 10:43.—That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Phil. 2:10, 11. Lest we forget: REMEMBER that NAME.

LAST WORDS OF SOME DISTINGUISHED PERSONS.

Emperor Severus: I have seen all things, and all things are of little value.

Emperor Julian the Apostate: O Galilean! thou hast conquered.

Horace Mann: When you wish to know what to do, ask yourself what Christ would have done in the same circumstances.

Cæsar Borgia: I had provided in the course of my life for everything except death, and now, alas! I am to die, though entirely unprepared.

Jean Paul Richter: My beautiful flowers, my lovely flowers.

Thomas Paine (infidel): Taking a leap in the dark, oh, mystery!

Captain Lawrence. Don't give up the ship.

Franklin: A dying man can do nothing easy.

Hervey: How thankful I am for death. It is the passage to the Lord and Giver of eternal life! O welcome, welcome, death! Thou mayest well be reckoned among the treasures of a Christian: to live is Christ, to die is gain! Lord now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, for mine eyes have seen thy salvation!

Stonewall Jackson: Let us cross over the river and rest under the shade of the trees.

Martin Luther: Into thy hands I commend my spirit. Thou hast redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.

Alexander Hamilton: Grace. Rich grace.

Washington: It is well.

Daniel Webster: I still live.

Cardinal Beaufort: What! is there no bribing death?

General Braddock: We shall know better how to deal with them (Indians) another time.

Sir Philip Sidney: I would not change my joy for the empire of the world.

Thomas Jefferson: I resign my soul to God, and my daughter to my country.

John Wesley: The best of all is, God is with us.

Frances Willard: How beautiful it is to be with God!

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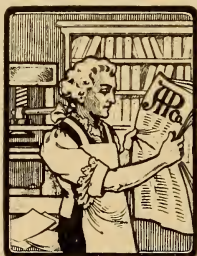
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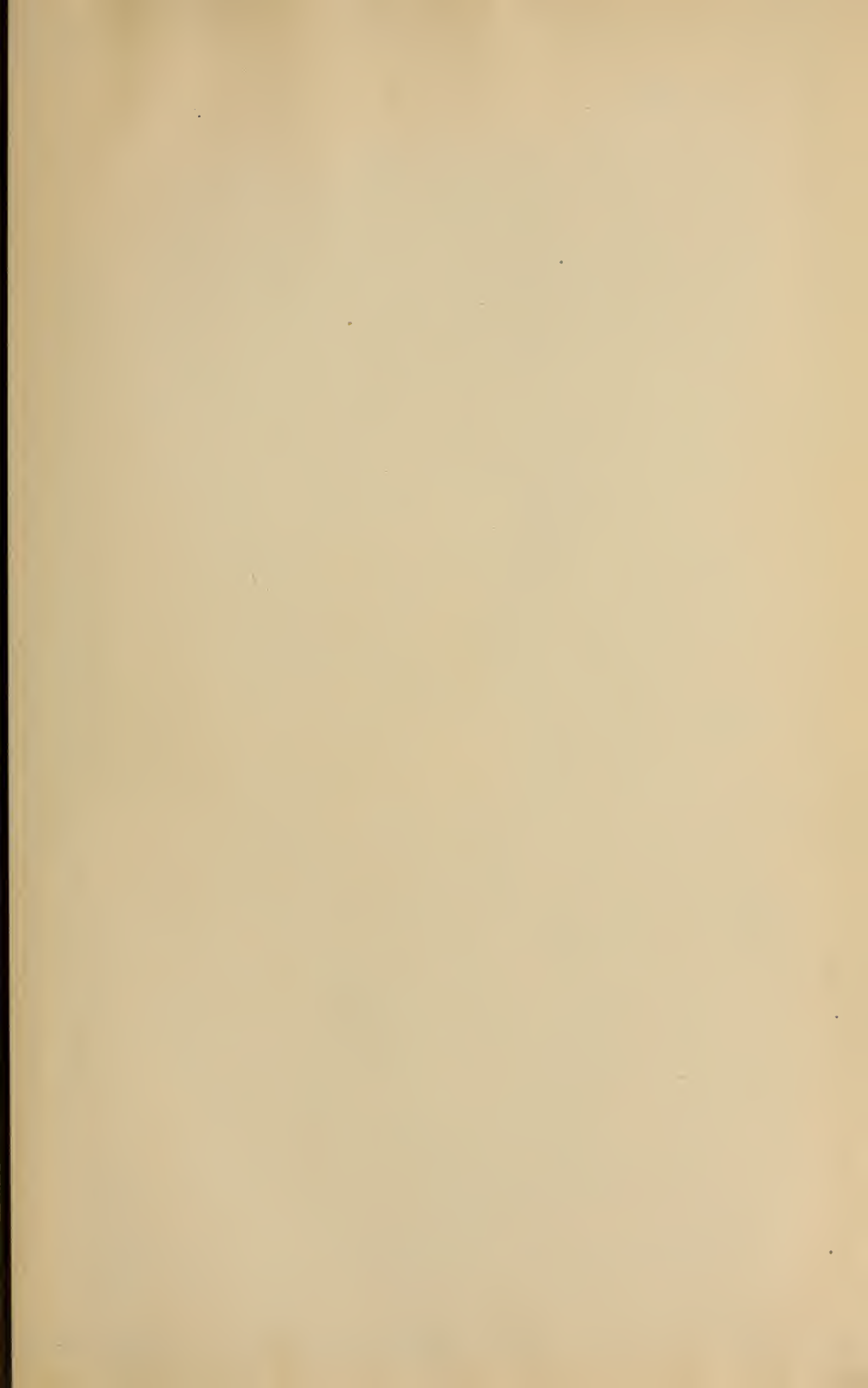
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